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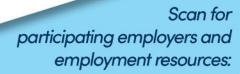
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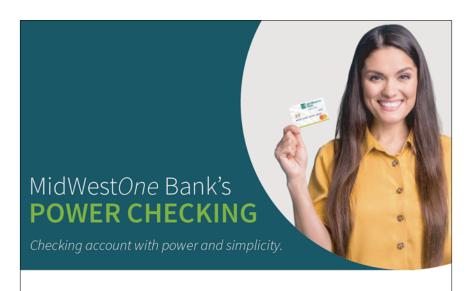
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All snuggled in on Sunday afternoon for the big game. Got a snack and my dog next to me to watch some sports magic. And then, in a few hours, we'll do it all over again when the Super Bowl is on. Yeah, we're watching the lowa women's basketball game. Weren't you?

Yeah, so they lost to Nebraska. But that's okay. Maybe not for my overall health, but they'll rebound. I think right behind shoveling snow, watching a close basketball game might be the leading cause of heart attacks in America.

Is this what it feels like being one of those schools who's always the best in the nation? Is this what Kansas and Georgetown feel like all the time? Just expecting victory? You know, I don't think so. Because they expect it all the time. For us, it's a newer feeling. Though Iowa women's basketball has been damn good for a long time, it does still land differently when you see Iowa at the center of the conversation for the most exciting sports story in America—perhaps even bigger than Tray Tray and Tay Tay or whatever they're calling the Swift-Kelce romance these days. And yeah, leave that girl alone, too.

If you're not on the Caitlin Clark bandwagon then you just don't have a soul. If you don't like sports, it doesn't matter. You can't NOT get excited watching her do her thing. Well, maybe you can if you're Sheryl Swoopes. What's up with that? Why tank your image to tell lies about Clark? Just admit you had your facts wrong and get on the train. It's okay.

The day this issue comes out, she will play Michigan where, barring the end of the world happening, she will break the record and become the highest scoring women's college basketball player of all time, and she'll do it in fewer games than the previous record holder.

And 1,000 assists? How often do you see the top scorers on any team also show up on the all-time best list for players who help their teammates score? Usually they are always about taking the shot themselves.

But almost as impressive is what she does when the game clock isn't running. She's literally the dream public relations phenom for the University of Iowa and women's basketball. Young girls are inspired by her, and she embraces it, signing hundreds of autographs every game and giving so much credit to her

teammates every time someone tries to point the spotlight at her. She never tears anyone down or falls for the constant taunts to get in wars of words with people. It baffles the mind that anyone would try to vilify her for her accomplishments. It's just plain jealousy, and she rises above it.

While she's not likely coming back next vear even though she has another fifth year of eligibility due to COVID, there's no question that the NCAA wishes she would. Iowa wished she would. I kind of think we all wish she would. She has transformed women's basketball in America in a year. She sells out road games, setting attendance records at each game, and seems to break ratings records on national TV. The Michigan game, where she'll beat the record, is the highest ticket price ever for women's baskeball... by a country mile. The previous record was a WNBA title game for about \$150. These tickets are going for more than twice that. Some reports say that the average aftermarket ticket is going for around \$400. And yeah, women's basketball is on TV in prime time nationally. That's just not happened before outside of the tournament. But I'll bet it becomes far more commonplace from now on, thanks to the seismic shift caused by Caitlin Clark.

And finally, she's from IOWA!!! She's one of us. We're not watching a historic moment from the cheap seats. This is a Hawkeye who's actually an Iowa girl, upending the world of sports in the best possible way. The weight of the world is on her shoulders. And she's a kid. #22 just turned 22. She might make a bad decision like that late super long 4-point attempt versus Nebraska when she should have killed some clock and looked for a safer shot. She's young. She's not infallible, and there is a massive target on her back. Let's face it, with the juggernaut South Carolina so untouchable and LSU going out after last year and literally buying the best team that you can from the transfer portal, the odds against lowa are big. And if she comes up short, haters will be all over her. But I argue that there is literally no failure that she can have through the end of the season that can lessen the enduring impact she's made on so many fronts, from sports overall, to empowering young women, and doing it all with grace. If you have to be late to the game to join any bandwagon, let this be the one. You'll be hooked in one game. Go Hawks!

# FOOTBALL FRENZY HOUSEALS

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## Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel Saturday, February 17, 2 PM

A glorious journey through some of country and gospel music's best, presented with that irrsistible country sound. Branson's own Faith's Journey shares beloved songs like EasternGate and Coal Miner's Daughter and features Mickey Gilley'a pianist, Lee Hendrix!

Tickets: \$25 (adv) / \$28 (door), Students: \$15 / \$18







## Greater Dubuque Home and Builders Show

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 @ 4-8 PM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 10 AM-5 PM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 @ 11 AM-4 PM GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)

Whether you are planning to buy a new home, remodel your existing home, or if just want decorating tips for that special room, the annual Greater Dubuque Home and Builders Show is for you. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 16 at 4–8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

The show features home products and services, remodeling, and interior design ideas. Whether you want to dream, plan, improve or build, come, and explore the current trends in the homebuilding industry. Guests are encouraged to attend the demonstrations from many of the attending vendors and local professionals. The seminars focus on topics current homeowners are most interested in. The demonstrations will provide lots of information and new ideas for current and new homeowners.

The Dubuque Homebuilders & Associates is a nonprofit trade organization formed to promote and enhance the professionalism of home building and associated businesses in the Tri-State area. Their goal is to achieve continuity and communication among builders, subcontractors, suppliers, financial institutions and local government to network for community growth and development.

Tickets are \$5, and children under 12 are free with an adult. This year, Opening Doors and St. Mark Youth Enrichment have been chosen as the recipients to receive a portion of the ticket price as a financial donation. For more information, visit **DubuqueHomebuilders.com**.



## Julien Dubuque International Film Festival Annual Gala

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 5 PM HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST) The Julien Dubuque International Film Festival will host a mystical celebration full of wonder, magic—and just a hint of madness—during its annual gala on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Hotel Julien Dubuque. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. followed by dinner and live auction at 7 p.m.

This year's gala is inspired by the 2010 Disney film *Alice in Wonderland*, which tells the tale of Alice, who falls down a rabbit hole for a wild adventure in a world that's like no other place on Earth. Dress in red, black, or white attire—or your best "Wonderland"-themed costume.

The cocktail event will include appetizers, cash bar, and raffle, and then will move on to the main event: the live auction with sit-down meal and entertainment. In JDIFF tradition, it will be an evening of fun, film, bidding and more.

Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a wide variety of live auction items, participate in a 50/50 raffle, and enjoy sneak peeks of some of the 2024 festival's Official Selections.

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$900 per table of eight. To purchase, Venmo the festival (@jdiffdbq), visit **JulienFilmFest.com**, or email **juliendubuquefilmfest@gmail.com** to request tickets. The annual gala benefits the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual festival is set for April 24–28 in downtown Dubuque. For more information, visit **JulienFilmFest.com**. ■

#### FRI **2/16**



### Winter Carnival Weekend

8 AM-9 PM @ EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA (GALENA, IL) 2/16-2/19. Embrace the spirit of winter at the four-day celebration of all things snow, ice, and frost. Enjoy a plethora of winter activities including dazzling Fire and Ice shows, ice turkey bowling, cozy s'mores around the fire, and hayrack wagon rides, and more. Watch an ice-carving demonstration as Eagle Ridge's expert ice carvers take 500-pound blocks of ice and turn them into an ice bar which will offer marshmallow shots. Take part in snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, and ice fishing with equipment rentals from the Eagle Ridge Nordic Center. With an indoor play land, craft room, and golf simulator by Trackman, there's fun for all ages. 444 Eagle Ridge Dr, Galena, IL. 815-777-5000. eagleridge.com.

#### St. Elias Church Gyro Sale

11 AM-2 PM @ ST. ELIAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Includes a delicious gyro, chips and soda for \$10. Limited quantities of baklava, \$3 a slice—get there early. 419 N Grandview Ave. stelias.ia.goarch.org.

#### SUN **2/18**

## Food Preservation: Canning

10:30 AM-NOON @ DBQ CO CONSERVATION OFFICE (PEOSTA, IA) An interest in living off the land and food preservation through canning continues to grow. Once you're done with this class, you will have some of the fundamental skills to extend the life of some of your fruits, and veggies all year long. Make

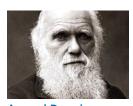
triple-berry jam. Lead by
Friends of Dubuque County
Conservation member
Julie Kirshbaum. Julie
has a culinary degree and
decades of training crafting
foods. With assistance
from lowa State University,
Julie will be providing you
with lots of resources and
information about food
preservation. Free. 13606
Swiss Valley Rd, Peosta, IA.
facebook.com/dubuque
countyconservation.

#### MON 2/19

#### Community Black Excellence Inspired People Series: Black Arts & Culture

6-8 PM @ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

This event's guests include Christina Baker, Dashawn Brown, Alanda Gregory, Bri Thompson, and Marley Washington. Social at 6 p.m., main event at 6:30 p.m., Q&A at 7:30 p.m. The Community Black Excellence Inspired People Series celebrates and showcases the achievements, contributions, stories, and knowledge of individuals within the Black community who have excelled in various fields. This gathering aims to uplift and inspire attendees by highlighting the accomplishments and experiences of these exceptional individuals. People from all unique identity backgrounds are encouraged to attend. Ages 18+. RSVP required or at the door. Free. 1157 Central Ave. 563-582-3681. mfcdbq.org



# Annual Darwin Day Lecture: Jim O'Loughlin 6:30 PM @ UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP Jim O'Loughlin presents "Book Bans from Darwin to Vonnegut (and What's

Happening in Iowa Now." Dr.

O'Loughlin is the head of the

Department of Languages & Literature at the University of Northern Iowa. He teaches classes in American literature, creative writing, and digital humanities. He is the author of several nonfiction and fiction books as well as editor of many. Sponsored by the Dubuque Area Humanists. Snow date will be the following evening. Free. 1699 Iowa St. 563-583-6031.

#### WED 2/21



#### Museum X: Cooking with Julie

6-8 PM @ NATIONAL
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
Julie Mueller will be discussing her two cookbooks,
her passion and inspiration
behind her love of cooking,
and sharing a few samples of
her dishes. \$10 Non-members, free for members. 350
E 3rd St. 563-557-9545 x222.
RiverMuseum.org.



She Unites: Jennifer Mond

6:30-7:30 PM @ THE INNOVATION LAB Speaker Jennifer Mond, Director of Organizational Development at the HODGE, presents "Take Care of Your Network, and Your Network Will Take Care of You!" Networking can be a daunting task but is so critical to business and life. This tactical presentation will go through the top 10 tips that have worked for Mond. She has been a speaker at various annual conferences and events and has over 20 years of experience in sales, training, and management. Doors at 6:15 p.m. Free. 210 Jones St. SheUnitesIowa.com/events.



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## **Spring Career Fair**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 11 AM-4 PM HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST) Join **AccessDubuqueJobs.com** for their Spring Career Fair at Hotel Julien Dubuque, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Connect with over 50 of the area's top employers now hiring for entry-level to professional roles in administrative, manufacturing, financial and insurance services, warehouse logistics, IT, and more.

In addition to being open to any and all job seekers, the Spring Career Fair engages students from our local institutions of higher learning. Career services staff from these respective institutions will be on-hand to coach students for networking with potential employers and the opportunity to have a complimentary professional headshot taken.

For more information, call Greater Dubuque Development Corporation at **563-557-9049** or visit **AccessDubuqueJobs.com**.

# Dubuque on Ice Brewfest SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

VIP: NOON-4 PM GA: 1-4 PM

**GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST)** 

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dubuque on Ice Brewfest on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Grand River Center offers entry at 1–4 p.m. VIP entrance premium tasting begins at noon. Experience craft beer, distilled spirits, wine, coffee, cheese sausage and more from all over the Tri-State area.



All proceeds support the Potosi Foundation, Camp Albrecht Acres, and Research For The Kids all of which are 501(c)(3) nonprofits. General admission tickets are \$44, VIP are \$59, and designated drivers can enter for \$15. For tickets and more information, visit **DubuqueBrewfest.com**.



# Galena Whiskey Weekend

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 @ 1 AND 5 PM TURNER HALL (115 S. BENCH ST, GALENA, IL)
Things warm up this March at Galena Whiskey Weekend. Held on Satur-

day, March 9 at the beautiful Turner

Hall in Galena, IL, the whiskey tasting offers a multitude of samples for you enjoy. Although the 1 p.m. tasting is sold out, space is still available for the 5–7:30 p.m. tasting. Offerings will be the same for each session.

Sip your way through winter with an extensive collection of bourbons and whiskeys at the Tri-State area's largest whiskey tasting. Cheers to more than 225 premium whiskey offerings hand selected by the talented Family Beer & Liquor crew. Each attendee will receive a Glencairn whiskey glass to keep. Birds. and Pulido's Tacos food trucks will be on site to round out the event.

If you want to join in on the fun, don't delay! Tickets for the 5 p.m. tasting are available for \$110. Attendees must be 21 years or older. For tickets and more information, call 815-747-6335 or visit GalenaWhiskeyWeekend.com.

#### THU **2/22**





#### Dubuque to Dubai and Back w/ Gina Bell and Mayor Brad Cavanagh

6:30-7:30 PM @ SHALOM SPIRITUALITY CENTER **CHAPEL AND ONLINE** Join Mayor Brad Cavanagh and Sustainability Director Gina Bell as they discuss their experience at COP 28. COP 28 refers to the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in late 2023, where the world comes together to agree on ways to address the climate crisis, such as limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, helping vulnerable communities adapt to the effects of climate change, and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. Mayor Cavanagh and Ms. Bell will share photos, stories, and information about how their trip to Dubai in early December means big things for Dubuque moving forward. RSVP by Feb. 21. Free. 1001 Davis St. 563-582-3592. shalomretreats.org.

#### FRI **2/23**



#### Forest School: Winter Bird Survey 10-11:30 AM @ EB LYONS

INTERPRETIVE CENTER
Bring your binoculars and
the Mines of Spain will bring
the birds. Learn about our
native birds and how to ID
them. If you don't have your
own binoculars, extras will be
available to borrow. Spend
part of the time indoors
before heading outside, so
dress for the weather. RSVP
required. 8991 Bellevue
Heights Rd. 563-556-0620.
minesofspain.org.

#### SAT **2/24**

#### Dubuque Largest Flea Market And Garage Sale

8 AM-3 PM @ TRI-STATE INDEPENDENT
BLIND SOCIETY
Browse more than 100 tables full of great items at the garage sale/flea market plus baked goods, direct sales, crafts, and more. \$5 Early bird entry (8–10 a.m.-), \$2 regular entry (10 a.m.-3 p.m.). 1068 Cedar Cross Rd. 515-298-3968. dsdelights-101810. square.site.



#### **Coffee and Play**

9 AND 10 AM @ CENTRALLY ROOTED Join Bridget Kleitsch, Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) in learning new ways to expand upon and grow in parent and child interaction. Techniques and strategies learned will allow parents to increase confidence in knowing they are meeting their child's essential needs including safety, social engagement, regulation, and security within play. Enjoy coffee from Devour Café. 9-10 a.m. session for ages 1-3, 10-11 a.m. session for ages 4-7. RSVP. \$30. 2230 Central Ave. centrally rooted.com.



#### **Seed Starting Class**

9-10:30 AM @ CONVIVIUM URBAN FARMSTEAD
Experience the joy of starting your favorite vegetable plants from seed! Join Convivium's Farm Manager A.J. for an introduction to seed starting. You'll learn about general information of seeds, selecting seeds, and the actual process of planting and caring for seedlings.

He will also discuss soil mixes, setting up a calendar, dormancy and germination, up-potting and hardening off. You will tour Convivium's basement to see where A.J. starts the seeds for our community gardens and he will even show you a simple, at-home kit for setting up your own lighting system at your house. \$15-\$22.50. 2811 Jackson St. **563-557-2900**. **convivium-dbg.com**.



#### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Card Show for Kids

10 AM-3 PM @ LORAS

**COLLEGE ALUMNI CAMPUS** CENTER BALLROOM Memorabilia from the John Fox Collection will be displayed including an Ernie Banks signed baseball, a 1950 New York Yankees team signed baseball, a Michael Jordan signed basketball, and much more. Participants will receive a gift bag and be entered into a raffle to be drawn at the end of the show. Dealers ages 8-18 can reserve a table for \$20. Sponsored by the Loras Sport Business program. Free. 754 Loras Blvd. loras.edu/event.



## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Rod & Custom Car Show

11 AM-10 PM @ MONTICELLO BERNDES CENTER (MONTICELLO, IA) 2/24 at 11 a.m.-10 a.m.; 2/25 at 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Two fun-filled days of family entertainment. John Schneider is the special guest and is known for his character "Bo Duke" from The Dukes of Hazzard TV show. View street rods, custom cars, street machines, hot pickups, race cars, and custom motorcycles. Plus, music, balloon artist, caricatures, and more. Bring a canned

food item to benefit Four Oaks and get \$1 off admission. \$12 Adults, \$5 ages 12 and younger or free with paid adult. 766 N Maple St, Monticello, IA. **319-465-5119**. **rodandcustomcarshow.com**.

## Library Seed Swap and Giveaway

1 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT **PUBLIC LIBRARY** Attendees may select five seed packets per household, with an additional two packets available for children under the age of 12. Anyone who comes with seeds to swap may get up to 10 packets for a 1-for-1 swap, while supplies last. This event is in partnership with Nine Square Feet, a nonprofit gardening organization based in Des Moines, IA, Nine Square Feet is partnering with more than 30 libraries across the state to share seeds it considers essential for the lowa home garden, Free, 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.

#### SUN 2/25



#### Exploring Mines of Spain through the Lens by Ron Tigges

NOON @ MINES OF SPAIN A digital photography program showing the natural world using DSLR, cellphone. and flying cameras. Ron will help you develop a deep appreciation for the Mines of Spain using the lens of a camera. This program is for enthusiasts, aspiring photographers, nature lovers and explorers. Ronald Tigges owns Digital Dubuque media services, has over 45 years of photography experience, is a licensed FAA UAS pilot, and is the President of the Dubuque Camera Club. 8991 Bellevue Heights Rd. 563-556-0620. minesofspain.org.

#### TUE **2/27**

## More Than Just a Game

5 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY ALUMNAE LECTURE HALL This program from the African American Museum of lowa celebrates the impact that Black athletes in lowa have had not just on their sport but on equality in our state. It is a great program for sports enthusiasts, history buffs, and more. Free. 1550 Clarke Dr.



563-588-6300. clarke.edu.

#### **Ukulele Time!**

6 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY THIRD FLOOR AUDITORIUM Want to learn how to play the ukulele? Join librarian Ben every other Tuesday to work on chords, exercises,

and songs all geared toward beginners. If you are brand new to the instrument consider arriving early for help with tuning your uke. RSVP required. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.

#### WED **2/28**

## Ho-Chunk History & Culture Along the Mississippi

11 AM-NOON @ LORAS
COLLEGE ALUMNI CAMPUS
CENTER BALLROOM
Speaker William

"Naawacekğize" Quackenbush will help the Dubuque community understand more about the Tri-State region's history in pre-colonial and pre-1832 periods from a Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) perspective. He will also talk about Native American efforts to restore native habitats in the area. Bill Quackenbush, Ho-Chunk Deer Clan Tribal Member serves as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) and Cultural Resources Division Manager for the Ho-Chunk Nation. As the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Historian, Mr. Quackenbush has presented extensively on Ho-Chunk history and culture. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Free. 754 Loras Blvd. loras.edu/event.



#### Religion and Science Lecture: Chelsea Jordan King: Darwin's Disbelief

7 PM @ CLARKE UNIVERSITY
JANSEN MUSIC HALL
Join Chelsea Jordan King for
her presentation "Darwin's
Disbelief: Evolution, Animal
Suffering, and the Crisis of
Faith." Chelsea Jordan King
is an Assistant Professor in

Catholic Studies at Sacred

Heart University in Fairfield, CT. She received her doctorate in Systematic Theology from the University of Notre Dame, and her Master's in Theological studies from Boston College. Her interests include the relationship between theology and science, especially how evolutionary theory impacts certain Christian doctrines. She is also interested in the field of soteriology, or "salvation," with a specific interest in how to understand the Cross as atoning sacrifice while taking feminist and ecological concerns into consideration. Her first book titled May our Sacrifice be Acceptable to You: Rene Girard and Feminist Theology is due to come out spring 2024. 1550 Clarke Dr. 563-588-6300. clarke.edu/artsatclarke.



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US Bank	5,291
Chase	5,320
Wells Fargo	7,686

\*Data provided by Callahan and Associates 6/30/23

3405 Stoneman Road near Kennedy Mall 563-235-2370



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#### THU 2/29

#### Community Black Excellence Inspired People Series: Black Community Leadership

6-8 PM @ MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER

This event's guests include Caprice Jones, Claudette Carter-Thomas, Wesley Rainer, Will Hudson, and Sharana Baker. Social at 6 p.m., main event at 6:30 p.m., Q&A at 7:30 p.m. People from all unique identity backgrounds are encouraged to attend. Ages 18+. RSVP required or at the door. Free. 1157 Central Ave. 563-582-3681. mfcdbq.org.

#### Meet the Meat: Beef Edition

6-8:30 PM @ UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE PETERS COMMONS

This hands-on workshop promises to showcase the art of meat preparation and provide participants with valuable insights into the world of cooking and sourcing quality local beef. During the unique farm-to-table experience, attendees will delve into topics like where cuts of meat come from and how to effectively shop for local beef from farms and grocery stores. Meet with local beef producers and cook a simple beef dinner guided by a professional chef. This workshop caters to food enthusiasts and individuals eager to enhance their home-cooked meals. Hosted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dubuque County. Space is limited. RSVP by Feb. 23. \$30. 2000 University Ave. 563-583-6496. bit.ly/mtmbeef.



# Anastasia 7 PM @ HEMPSTEAD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 2/29-3/2 at 7 p.m.; 3/3 at 2 p.m. Based on the 1997 animated film of the same

name, the musical adapts the legend of the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna of Russia, who was rumored to have escaped and survived the revolution against the Romanov dynasty. Anya, an orphan in 1920s St. Petersburg, yearns to discover her lost family. She encounters Vlad and Dmitry, two conmen who convince her that she might be the legendary Anastasia. However, their plot puts Anya in the path of a Bolshevik general named Gleb, who chases her to the streets of Paris where Anya attempts to reunite with the Dowager Duchess. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance. \$12-\$15. 3715 Pennsylvania Ave. 563-552-5200. hempsteadhs.booktix.net.

#### Loras Players Present Romeo & Juliet

7:30 PM @ LORAS COLLEGE HOFFMANN HALL ST. JOSEPH AUDITORIUM 2/29-3/2. The Loras Players, the theatre production arm of Loras College's School of Humanities & Education, present Romeo & Juliet, the classic tragedy by William Shakespeare. In Verona, rival houses of Capulet and Montague have a longstanding feud. The Bard's famous tragedy of star-crossed lovers is filled with all the passion of young love. Wit and beauty dance with resentment and romance. The Loras Players stage a colorful, anachronistic, and fast-paced production, providing youthful playfulness, humor and action that careens to a tragic end. Established in 1910, the Loras Players are the oldest, continuously-operating theatre troupe west of the Mississippi. \$10. 698 Loras Blvd. lorasplayers.yolasite.com.

#### SAT **3/2**

#### Cracker Barrel Legislative Forum 9:45 AM @ DIAMOND

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Legislature will provide updates from Des Moines and answer questions. Free. 301 Bell St. facebook.com/DBQWIN.



#### **Kurt Ullrich**

11 AM-5 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY Newspaper columnist and photographer Kurt Ullrich will talk about his new publication. Notes from Rural America, followed by a Q&A session moderated by Telegraph Herald Executive Editor Amy Gilligan. The Telegraph Herald has been publishing articles written by Ullrich for 25 years. Ullrich's writing, often accompanied by his photographs, has also been published in the Chicago Tribune, Des Moines Register, Baltimore Sun, and many others. Free. 360 W 11th St. 563-589-4225. carnegiestout.org.



#### 3 Bears, 3 Pigs, 3 Billy Goats Gruff 11 AM AND 2 PM @ HAZEL

**GREEN OPERA HOUSE** (HAZEL GREEN, WI) 3/2, 3/9 at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.; 3/3, 3/10 at 2 p.m. In this marionette mashup of three favorite fairy tales, Goldilocks skips along blithely past shabbily built cottages, over a troll bridge and right into a seemingly abandoned log cabin. Presented by Fever River Puppeteers. 2130 Main Street, Hazel Green, WI. 608-732-6404. hazelgreenoperahouse. blogspot.com.

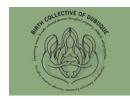
**EVENTS** 



#### **Bowlfuls of Hope for** Harper

NOON-2 PM @ ASBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT (ASBURY, IA) A Benefit for Harper Winders and family. Enjoy a variety of homemade soups and breads. Participate in the silent auction or fundraising games. Harper will undergo brain surgery and tumor removal in March. \$10 Suggested donation, 5485 Saratoga Rd, Asbury, IA.

#### TUE 3/5



#### **Birth Talk** 6-8 PM @ THE HEALTH SPA (PEOSTA, IA)

Birth Talk is specifically tailored to educating mamasto-be on all things birth prep. labor, delivery, and postpartum. Ask questions of the expert panel and hear what they have to say about the topics that matter to you. Includes gift hags and tea and conversation with the Birth Collective leadership team. Hosted by the Birth Collective of Dubuque, a group dedicated to empowering women to make informed decisions throughout pregnancy, birth, and postpartum. Space is limited, RSVP, Free. 7407 Thunder Valley Dr. birthcollectivedbq.com.

#### WED 3/6



#### Camp Albrecht **Acres: Celebrating All Abilities Gala**

6-9 PM @ HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE Enjoy a memorable evening with live music from Tapestry. hors d'oeuvres and carving stations, cocktails, a short program, awards, live and silent auctions, and other fun activities. All proceeds will help Camp Albrecht Acres provide a safe, accessible and enjoyable summer camp experience to individuals with special needs \$125 200 Main St. 563-552-1771. CAAGala2024.givesmart.com.



#### **Social Dancing: Swing**

6:30-7:30 PM @ ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL Wed: 3/6-4/3. Single Time Swing is a lot of fun, great exercise, and easy to learn. Whether you think you can dance or not, Dennis and Sandy will help you reach your dancing goals, and you'll have a great time doing it! It's great physical and mental exercise; while at the same time. spending time with friends or that special someone you care about. Get comfortable stepping out onto the dance floor and enjoy ballroom dancing for a lifetime. Proper dance technique, frame, posture, floor crafting, and beat identification will be covered. No dance experience is required, \$39, 2001 Radford Rd. 844-642-2338 x1399. nicc.edu/solutions.

#### SUN **3/10**



#### Afternoon Tea: Irish Tea

1-3 PM @ MATHIAS HAM HISTORIC SITE Explore the world of Irish teas and enjoy foods from a traditional afternoon tea in Ireland. Enjoy an assortment of finger sandwiches, treats, and a variety of teas or lemonade. Members: \$20 adults. \$10 youth: Non-members: \$25 adults, \$15 youth. 2241 Lincoln Ave. 563-557-9545 x212. rivermuseum.org

#### WED 3/13

#### **Distinctively Dubuque**

5:30-8:30 PM @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN DUBUQUE Wed: 3/13-4/10. Distinctively Dubuque is a five-night course hosted by high-energy presenters with in-depth knowledge of the Greater Dubuque region and is designed for individuals who are new to the area within the last five years. Each night explores a different topic at a different venue and includes dinner. Free. **563-557-9049**. greaterdubuque.org.



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**Every Child Reads** 







## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 365ink Impact Awards

Tuesday, March 5 @ 7 PM Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar (301 Bell St)

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual 365 Impact Awards, sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque and Premier Bank, return on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. to the Mississippi Moon Bar at the Diamond Jo Casino to recognize those who are making an impact on our community. Doors open at 6 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar with live music accenting the evening's awards The event is free, and everyone (ages 21 or older) is welcome to attend.

Picking the winners is always a painful process. Naturally, everyone who gets nominated is worthy of an award, but, alas, we have only 10 original, locally made statues to give out, created for 365ink this year by potter Rich Robertson of Cricket Hill Pottery.

The mission at 365ink is to help connect people to relationships, opportunities, and the best possible living experiences in our community. And the 365ink Impact Awards are designed to honor those who choose to make the effort to impact the community in the spirit of our mission.

Who wins will not be a secret leading up to the event. After all, we want you to be able to come down and celebrate your friends when they take the stage on Tuesday, March 5. The event moves fast and is a lot of fun, and you will discover amazing things you never knew about your community. So, mark your calendars to join the festivities now. It's a Tuesday night, so you know already that you don't have anything better going on.

The 365ink Impact Awards are sponsored by Premier Bank and the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque as well as our generous hosts, the Diamond Jo Casino. With their generous support, 365ink is able to honor these people right, with original, local artwork. Impact Awards designs started with artist Gene Tully and have always been handmade by great local artists ever since. We can't wait the share Rich's design for 2024!

View the full list of all the past award winners and more information at **dubuque365.com/impactawards**. We'll see you on Tuesday, March 5 at the Mississippi Moon Bar! ■

# PSYCHIC CHAKRA CENTER (563)-564-9925 19 Locust St. Downtown Dubuque PALM, TAROT, MEDIUM & ANGEL READINGS

# Ongoing & Recurring Events

#### **TUESDAY**



#### Early Explorers

10 AM @ NATIONAL
MISSISSIPPI RIVER
MUSEUM & AQUARIUM
15T TUE

Discover the ABCs through hands-on and active activities including a craft and a game. Ages 2–5 with parent/caregiver. RSVP suggested. \$10 Non-members; \$8 members; adult free. 350 E 3rd St. 563-557-9545 x222. RiverMuseum.org.

#### **WEDNESDAY**



Dubuque Humanist Society

#### Dubuque Area Humanists Social Hour 6 PM @ BACKPOCKET

DUBUQUE 1<sup>ST</sup> WED

Enjoy a craft beer and join the Dubuque Area Humanists for lively, informed discussions centered around values, philosophy, and life experiences. Free. 333 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.

facebook.com/ dubuqueareahumanists.



#### She Unites 6:30-7:30 PM

6:30-7:30 PM

@ THE INNOVATION LAB

3RD WED

An inclusive women's group working to connect women

across the region through education, philanthropy, mutual support, and more. Free. 210 Jones St. **SheUnitesIowa.com/events**.



#### Toastmasters Speakeasy Club

6:30-7:45 PM @ DUBUQUE COUNTY LIBRARY **ASBURY BRANCH** (ASBURY, IA) & ONLINE 2ND, 4TH, AND 5TH WED Develop your public speaking and leadership skills. This safe and fun environment will help you become a more skilled and confident speaker. Each meeting will have a few prepared speeches, time to practice your ability to think on your feet with short improvised speeches, and feedback to guide growth. Meetings on a 5th Wednesday will be held online. Free. 5290 Grand Meadow Dr, Asbury, IA. facebook.com/

#### FRIDAY

ToastmastersSpeakeasyClub.

#### **First Fridays**

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DUBUQUE 1<sup>ST</sup> FRI

First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly visual art series, hosted by galleries, museums, and venues, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Free.

#### SATURDAY



#### **Dubuque Winter Farmers Market**

9 AM-NOON @ KENNEDY MALL WEST CONCOURSE THROUGH APRIL Regional vendors offer homemade and baked goods, meat, cheese, eggs, seasonal produce, and more. Bring your own reusable shopping bags and drop off clean egg cartons, glass jars, and plastic clam shells. The all-volunteer driven market focuses on supporting our regional food system, eating from our food shed yearround, and providing annual funding to farmers through a grant program. 555 JFK Rd. wintermarketdbg.com.



## Platteville Winter Farmer's Market

9 AM-NOON @ ROUNTREE GALLERY (PLATTEVILLE, WI)
1st & 3RD SAT THROUGH APRIL
Find homegrown and handmade products from fresh
produce and prepared food
to stained glass and bath
bombs. 120 W Main St, Platteville, WI. 608-218-4374.
PlattevilleFarmers
MarketWI.com.



#### Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers

10-10:30 AM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY 2<sup>ND</sup> SAT THROUGH APRIL Northeast Iowa School of Music is pleased to present Lollipops and Music for Our Preschoolers (L&MOP) preschool concert series. L&MOP is a monthly concert series that introduces children and their families to a variety of musical styles and instruments. Audience members should come prepared to sing, play instruments, and dance a bit with their family. Children leave with a greater appreciation of music and a lollipop. All ages. Free. 360 W 11th St.

563-690-0151. nisom.com.





# Battle for the Bluff Rodeo

FEBRUARY 16 AND 17 @ 7:30 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Sandburr Rodeo Productions Inc. brings the Battle for the Bluff Rodeo to the Five Flags Arena on Feb. 16 and 17. Friday doors open at 6 p.m., Saturday doors at 5:30 p.m. The rodeo begins at 7:30 p.m. each night.

This fun family show will be action packed from start to finish with bare back bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, and bull riding. Enjoy mutton busting and a kids boot race, plus the junior riding events showcase the future of rodeo.

Family fun night on Saturday starts at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy pony rides, stick horse races, meet the rodeo clown, and meet all the cowboys and cowgirls for autographs.

Reserved tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door; GA tickets are \$21 in advance and \$26 door for adults and \$10 for ages 14 and younger.



#### RADIO DUBUQUE PRESENTS

#### Lee Greenwood

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 @ 7 PM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

Radio Dubuque brings the legendary Lee Greenwood to the Five Flags Arena on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.

Lee Greenwood is an American country artist who bridged the gap between traditional and contemporary country music. He is best known for his patriotic anthem "God Bless the USA." The iconic song, which celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, went far beyond what Greenwood expected when he wrote it in the back of his tour bus in 1983. The song has been in

the top five on the country singles charts three times (1991, 2001, and 2003), giving it the distinction of being the only song in any genre of music to achieve that feat. It was also No. 1 on the pop charts after 9/11. Greenwood says, "'USA' is the song I always felt I needed to write. I wanted to have something that would unite Americans from coast to coast, and I wanted to instill pride back into our country."

Greenwood continues to tour across the country and performs for many charitable events, lending his time and name to numerous organizations including Helping A Hero, of which he is the National Ambassador. Helping a Hero provides specially-adapted homes for wounded warriors and their families.

Greenwood has also achieved success as an author, penning the politically-charged book, *Does God Still Bless the USA: A Plea for a Better America*, which was published in 2012. His latest, a children's illustrated book, was released Memorial Day Weekend 2015 and is called *Proud To Be An American*.

Tickets are \$38-\$68. ■



# Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 @ 10 AM FIVE FLAGS ARENA

In a bid to bring the community together in a fun and competitive spirit, Five Flags Center proudly announces its inaugural Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament, scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. With the event marking a new tradition for the local Dubuque community and beyond, participants are invited to register immediately for a chance to compete, connect, and contribute to the lively atmosphere that cornhole tournaments are renowned for.

Sponsored by Sharon's Furniture, 7G Distributing, Verena Street Coffee, Atlantic Coca-Cola, Miller Cornhole Boards, Hotel Julien Dubuque, and Townsquare Media, the Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament promises an exhilarating day filled with camaraderie and competition. This event also comes along with a raffle with exciting prizes generously donated by local businesses.

The tournament structure is designed to cater to players of all skill levels,

emphasizing inclusivity and fair play. The action kicks off with six games of progressive round-robin play, ensuring that teams face off against opponents with similar records in each round. This format opens the door for multiple divisions in bracket play where teams will face off against opponents of similar skill, providing every participant, regardless of their skill level, a fair chance at claiming victory and cash prizes.

One of the highlights of the tournament is the emphasis on inclusivity, with a clear message that, "NO MATTER YOUR SKILL LEVEL, YOU HAVE A FAIR CHANCE AT WINNING MONEY!" This commitment to fairness adds an exciting dimension to the event, encouraging both seasoned players and those new to the game to join in the fun.

To register for the Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament, interested individuals can visit **FiveFlagsCenter.com**. Early registration is highly recommended to secure a spot in what promises to be a thrilling event.

This tournament isn't just about the competition; it's about building a tradition that resonates with the Dubuque. Five Flags Center invites everyone to be a part of this inaugural event. Register now, gather your bags, and get ready to toss your way into the inaugural Battle of the Bridges Cornhole Tournament at Five Flags Center. Let's make it huge and set the stage for an annual tradition that brings people together, celebrates skill at every level, and fosters a sense of community pride.

Food and beverages will be served during the tournament and spectators are welcome as well.

#### **DUBUQUE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

# Classics 4: Evening Serenade

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 @ 7:30 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 10 @ 2 PM FIVE FLAGS THEATER

The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra brings Classics 4: Evening Serenade to the Five Flags Theater on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.

As Maestro Intriligator's 25<sup>th</sup> season approaches, he is already starting to look back to favorite performers and masterpieces from his past 25 years. This concert welcomes back one of Dubuque's favorites: pianist Jon Nakamatsu. Jon will perform Mozart's beloved "Elvira Madigan" Piano Concerto. Brahms' masterful Fourth Symphony is another

favorite of the Maestro, the orchestra, and the audience. The concert begins with a beautiful and heartfelt serenade by Ukranian composer Silvestrov.

On Friday, March 8 at 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., enjoy a lunch buffet at the Dubuque Golf & Country Club followed by commentary by William Intriligator and guest artist, Jon Nakamatsu. \$20 payable at the door. Reservations due by noon, Wednesday, March 6 and can be made by calling **563-557-1677**.

Saturday evening concert attendance includes entry to the post-concert Encore Reception at Five Flags. Enjoy refreshments and visit with DSO musicians.

Additionally, Maestro Intriligator presents a free pre-concert lecture in Five Flags Theater on Sunday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m.

Tickets start at \$20. For more information, call the DSO at **563-557-1677** or visit **DubuqueSymphony.org**. ■

### **Galena LitFest**

NOW THROUGH MARCH 28 VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN GALENA, IL AND ONLINE

Galena LitFest is an annual literary festival in Galena, IL that began in 2015. Each year, they host a variety of authors, writers workshop instructors, and poets. Celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> year with six events this February and March.

Learn about **inkie.org**, a suite of free self-publishing tools on Feb. 15 at 5:30 p.m. Attend the informational session in person at the Galena Public Library or virtually via Zoom.

Author and educator P.J. HarteNaus will share her self-publishing journey on Feb. 17 at 10:30 p.m. She will offer insights and a step-by-step process developed by Whistleslick Press at the Galena Public Library and virtually via Zoom.

Sherlock Holmes & the Killer Case Files brings dinner and a show to Galena Cellars' downtown location on March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

The Galena Public Library in collaboration with the Galena Shakespeare Festival and Galena Cellars, is thrilled to announce an interactive murder mystery experience.

Learn about mystery, crime, and suspense writing from masters of the craft on March 12 at 6 p.m. The virtual event brings you five award-winning and bestselling authors—Marcie Rendon, David Ellis, Tracy Clark, Laura Benedict, and Patricia Skalka—who will discuss why they love the genre, their writing processes, character development, and publishing. Moderated by Michelle Cox.

Close out the festival with Abnormal Psychology in Fiction on March 28 at 5:30 p.m. Learn effective strategies for writing characters with mental health diagnoses—and why this matters at the virtual event.

The festival is organized by the Galena Public Library with support from the Friends of GPL. For more information and to register, call the Galena Public Library at 815-777-0200 or visit GalenaLibrary.org.



FEBRUARY 15-17, AND 22-23 @ 7:30 PM FEBRUARY 18 AND 24-25 @ 2 PM BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD)

Bell Tower Theater begins their 2024 season with *Baggage* by Sam Bobrick on Feb. 9-25.

Two demanding, single strangers get their luggage mixed up at the airport. After a disastrous first meeting, they decide to force a friendship to help each other heal their past heartbreaks. These two are too difficult for everyone else to date, but are they perfect for each other? This witty romantic comedy is great for Valentine's Day.

Early Bird performances on Feb. 9 and 10 are \$12, and all other performances are \$24. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net**.

**DUBUQUE ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS** 

# Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 7:30 PM UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL (2255 BENNETT ST)

Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band, presented by the Dubuque Arts Council, will perform at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band's performance at the Heritage Center will dazzle audiences with a music journey beginning with classical pieces and transitioning into contemporary music performed by the five-piece band.

A talented savant with the violin, Gareth Johnson has turned his over two decades long classical training into a sound that is totally new to the hip-hop,



R&B, and pop music genre. He is a world-renowned violinist, master string teacher, and composer whose extraordinary talent crosses all music genres.

Johnson recently released a hip-hop album, titled *Evolution*, in which he used the blank canvas of hip-hop violin work to create something truly original.

Tickets are \$30-\$45 plus fees. Additionally, purchase one adult ticket, get up to two free student tickets using the code "Voilin", while supplies last. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at **www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter**. ■





LIVE AT HERITAGE CENTER PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

# The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass with Guest Organist Alan Morrison

AND SPECIAL GUESTS THE UD
CONCERT BAND AND UD JAZZ BAND
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 7:30 PM
UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE HERITAGE
CENTER JOHN AND ALICE BUTLER HALL
(2255 BENNETT ST)

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass with guest organist Alan Morrison and special guests the UD Concert Band and UD Jazz Band perform in the third annual John and Alice Butler Pipe Organ Recital Series at Heritage Center on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Internationally known trumpeter Rodney Marsalis effortlessly mixes classical, big band swing, New Orleans jazz, and straight-ahead jazz with the Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass. Referred to as a trumpet prodigy, Marsalis has received praise for his evocative interpretation, impeccable virtuosity, and beauty of sound.

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is America's premier large bass ensemble. A group that reflects the diverse makeup of the American culture, the band is dedicated to the notion that music is a gift to be enjoyed by everyone.

Recognized as one of America's premier concert organists, Alan Morrison was recently honored by the Philadelphia Chapter of The American Guild of Organists with the Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of his teaching and career.

The UD Concert Band and the UD Jazz Band will open the show.

Tickets are \$28–\$40 and can be purchased at the box office, by phone at **563-585-SHOW**; or online at **www.DBQ.edu/heritagecenter.** ■

JULIEN DUBUQUE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

### Winter Film Series

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 @ 7 PM
MULTICULTURAL FAMILY CENTER (1157 CENTRAL AVE)
THURSDAY, MARCH 21 @ 7 PM

**HOTEL JULIEN DUBUQUE (200 MAIN ST)** Enjoy select films from the 2023 Julien

Dubuque International Film Festival.

Watch a cause-related film followed by a Q&A or panel. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the film starting at 7 p.m. The series is free and open to the public.

The second film in the series is *The Exchange* on Thursday, Feb. 22 at the Multicultural Family Center. In 1966, a social studies teacher in all-white Kaukaukna, WI wanted his students to perform the controversial play, *In White America*. So, along with a Black English teacher in Milwaukee, they developed a two-month student exchange with a mostly Black high school. This is the story of an experience during the Civil Rights era brought into the time of Black Lives Matter. Followed by a Q&A with the director and producer, Joanne Williams. Rated GA.



The series closes out on Thursday, March 21 at Hotel Julien Dubuque with *A Long Way from Nowhere*. The documentary tells the story of athletes running the Desert Rats Kokopelli, a 150-mile race through the Utah desert at the height of summer. See what motivates athletes to participate in a race like this—to push themselves to, and sometimes beyond, the breaking point. Rated GA.

For more information, visit

JulienFilmFest.com. ■



**OPENING RECEPTION:** March 1 @ 5:30-10:30 PM Exhibition continues through April 27, 2024

Join us for an exploration of the limitless world of abstraction through the captivating perspective of John C. Badger. "Beyond the Boundaries" will feature the paintings of the artist throughout the entire Voices Studios facility. Immerse yourself in striking, large-scale art and enjoy cash bar refreshments and generous appetizers while Badger's friend, Kameron Cole, interprets the moment with his cello.

Proceeds support programming of Voices Studios, 501(c)3.

#### **VOICES STUDIOS**

1585 Central Ave Dubuque, IA 52001

Show catalogue available at voicesstudios.org

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## Almost, Maine

FEBRUARY 23-24 AND
MARCH 1-2 @ 7:30 PM
FEBRUARY 25 AND MARCH 3 @ 2 PM
GRAND OPERA HOUSE (135 W 8TH ST)

Sweet, poignant, and witty... Almost, Maine is a beautifully structured play with nifty surprise endings (most but not all of them happy). See performance at the Grand Opera House on

Feb. 23–24 and March 1–2 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 25 and March 3 at 2 p.m.

Welcome to Almost, Maine, a place that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. It's almost in Canada. And it's not quite a town because its residents never got around to getting organized. So, it almost doesn't exist. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

This production is recommended for age 12 and above. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$17 for children under 18. Tickets can be purchased in person at the box office, by calling **563-588-1305**, or at **TheGrandOperaHouse.com**. ■



## Ali Levasseur "Supination and Pronation" Reception

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 2-4:30 PM CLARKE UNIVERSITY QUIGLEY GALLERY (1550 CLARKE DR)

Clarke University hosts an exhibition of artwork by local artist and Clarke Alumna Ali Levasseur titled, *Supination and Pronation*." The exhibition opens in Clarke's Quigley Gallery on Tuesday, Feb. 20 and runs through Friday, March 8, with an artist's reception on Saturday, Feb. 24, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Levasseur will present a gallery talk at 3 p.m. accompanied by ASL interpretation. The exhibition is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Dubuque.

Supination and Pronation is rooted in the artist's journey toward healing after a significant physical injury to both wrists that fully immobilized the artist's hands, wrists, and arms. With her tools metaphorically removed, Levasseur reflected on the universal themes of the human body's fragility, and ability to heal and rehabilitate. Art intersects with the biological study of anatomy in this series of multimedia works, as the imagery is derived from a human skeleton model.

Levasseur is a strong advocate for and practitioner of community engagement. She has served in volunteer leadership in several arts organizations including membership of the City of Dubuque's Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

For more information, call Clarke at **563-588-6300** or visit **clarke.edu**.

#### **Broad Ideas**

ART DROP-OFF: FEBRUARY 23 AND 24 SHOW: MARCH 3-25 GALENA CENTER FOR THE ARTS (971 GEAR ST, GALENA, IL)

Broad Ideas is a community arts show committed to inclusion by dismantling patriarchy and misogyny through the telling of our stories. While inclusive feminism is always the overarching theme, this year's prompt is "Creating CommUNITY."

Artists and authors of all abilities are encouraged to drop off work on Feb. 23 and 24. *Broad Ideas* purposely includes a wide range of ideas, artists, abilities, and events. Simply put, this show is for anyone that supports inclusion, equity, and the arts.

Broad Ideas kicks off their 7<sup>th</sup> year with an opening reception on March 1 at 5–7 p.m. The Songwriters Showcase on March 21 at 7–9 p.m. is an all-womenfocused musical performance. At the spoken word closing on March 27 at 7–9 p.m., take in the powerful words as people share their stories and poems.

Additional partnered events include intentional affirmation cards, Gender in the Art World, vision boards with Riverview Center, and a drum circle.

Free on-site childcare during events is run by a background-checked adult and high school student volunteers. For full submission details and more information, visit **BroadIdeas.org**.



## **First Fridays**

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

NOON-8 PM @ STONED ART STUDIO & GALLERY (1800 CENTRAL AVE) NOON-7 PM @ WIDDERSHINS GALLERY (2204 CENTRAL AVE) 5:30-10:30 PM @ VOICES STUDIOS (1585 CENTRAL AVE) 6-7 PM @ CARNEGIE-STOUT PUBLIC LIBRARY (360 W 11<sup>TH</sup> ST) 6-8 PM @ PLANTED. (245 W 1<sup>ST</sup> ST)

7-11 PM @ SMOKESTACK (62 E 7<sup>TH</sup> ST)

First Fridays is Downtown Dubuque's monthly art series, celebrating Dubuque's great visual arts scene. Visit all of the locations and celebrate our creative community. All stops are free.

Stoned Art Studio & Gallery showcases the art and Driftless Region photography of Henry Matthiessen III and also features the 3D art of Theresa Blitgen of Bellevue, IA. Stop by, see art, meet artists, and touch the artist in you. Refreshments will be on hand.

Widdershins Gallery at Bear Dancer Studios features artwork by local, regional, and national artists including Mark Dierker, John Potter, Debra Sullivan, Sara Mess, and Dan Alderman. Enjoy the comfy vintage furniture while listening to classic rock tunes. Refreshments will be available.

Voices Studios presents "Beyond the Boundaries" Paintings of John C. Badger - Abstract Expressionist (1945–2012). His work, now held in numerous private collections and the John C. Badger Art Trust, speaks to the timeless allure of abstract expressionism and the enduring legacy of an artist who embraced a philosophy of boundless creativity. On display March 1–April 27.

Carnegie-Stout Public Library welcomes The DZ Combo for the March Music @ your library® concert. The DZ Combo is a jazz quartet based out of Dubuque fronted by Danny Zanger on keys. The group will perform all original compositions written by Zanger. Doors open at 5:30 and the concert will begin at 6 p.m. Adults ages 21 and older are welcome to bring their own wine or beer.

Join Planted. for Women's Work, a group show in honor of Women's History Month. Throughout history, quilted, embroidered, ceramic, and woven objects have been regarded as "women's work." This show aims to highlight artists working in these methods and their contributions to our arts community.

The Dubuque Area Arts Collective invites you to the *Dead of Winter* art exhibit at Smokestack. This unique exhibition showcases the talents of local and regional tattoo artists as they push the boundaries of artistic expression through mixed media on canvas. Tattoo artists break free from stereotypes and showcase their skills in a different context.

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## **Opening the Archives**

## **Voices Studio Hosts** the Rarely Seen Works of Artist John C. Badger

Show: March 1-April 27 Opening Reception: March 1@5:30-10:30 PM Voices Studios (1585 Central Ave)

#### By S. Eliot Steuer

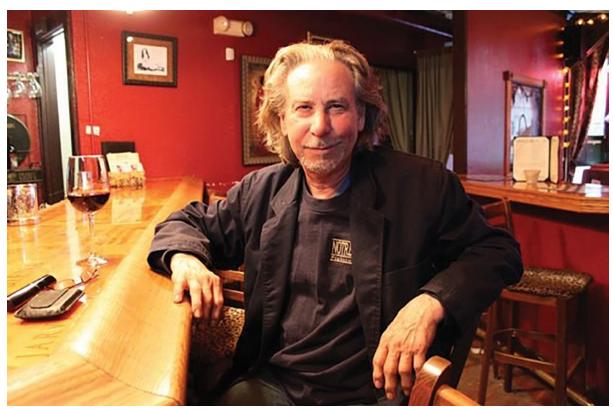
As a Dubuque native, artist John C. Badger was more than an abstract expressionist; he was a true eccentric, living his art through his everyday life. After graduating from Wahlert Catholic High School and Loras College, he earned his master's degree from California State at Long Beach in 1968, and for the next 20 years was a presence on the California art scene, contributing to the artistic community through teaching, leading seminars, and applying his craftsmanship to extensive restoration projects. Eventually landing in Taos, NM, Badger absorbed the rich cultural tapestry of the Southwest before returning to his Midwest roots. Settling in Galena, IL in the '90s, he established his home and studio in an antebellum house on Bench Street and reveled in the freedom of self-expression, making up his own rules.

"People called him 'The Badger,'" said local artist and Voices Studio co-founder Gene Tully. "He would walk down the streets of Galena often in a long black coat, big scarf, and rocking a cane. Mind you, he didn't need a cane, but it kind of just went with the outfit, which sums up John. People didn't know what to make of him, if they should stay away from this eccentric, which was probably part of the fun for him."

After Badger's death in 2012, Tully became the sole trustee of the John C. Badger Art Trust, an extensive



GENE TULLY WITH A SMALL SAMPLING OF LARGE-SCALE WORKS IN THE JOHN C. BADGER ART TRUST



JOHN BADGER AT MISS KITTY'S GRAPE ESCAPE IN GALENA, IL

personal archive of his work representing various stages of his life. Tully possesses canvas after canvas of multi-color abstract paintings; splashes, slashes, and drips of varied hues referencing the colorways he experienced in California and New Mexico. Dense with texture, some are so large they dwarf Tully himself. Along with the abstract works are earlier portraiture pieces, architectural style paintings, and stacks of unframed works on paper that Tully has been painstakingly sorting through. When I meet him in the staging space near Voices Studios, he and his nephew are knee-deep preparing the work for viewing and sale.

"It's important to me to be honoring the wishes of the artist," said Tully. "These works haven't been seen in 10 or more years, if ever, so the goal is to get them out there among the people and bring joy to those who view them or wish to buy them. It's what Badger would have wanted."

"There's something about abstract expressionist art that requires a boldness to live within your space," said Voices Studios co-founder Sam Mulgrew. "It abstracts reality, and that takes a little bit more of a leap, but once you do that, I don't know how exactly to explain it, but it makes you a happier person because it gives you a different perspective; it triggers an emotion."

Regarding his creative ethos, Badger said in 2000, "My ability to take in and then express outwardly by the use of paint on canvas and paper is rooted deeply in my being yet is unexplainable in description and origin. The most natural way for me to express is by using color and light as my language."

It's that emotion, further spurred by his use of color and light as a visual language, which has drawn those familiar with him to his work for decades. Many of his pieces are held in private collections, and by the John C. Badger Art Trust which Tully oversees, while some of his works are also owned by local institutions, such as the Premier Bank location on Iowa Steet where several are on display. It's important to Tully that the local

community in which Badger lived and worked, and even those beyond it, get to see the remainder of his creative output in a curated setting, and that they also are given the opportunity to own a piece. "Some of the canvases are giant with striking color, highly suitable for businesses with the space to display them, while others are perfect for the private collector. I want people to have access to what this amazing artist did, so we plan to exhibit pieces that any patron or collector can enjoy."

While the retrospective may be an introduction to Badger for some, it may also be the last chance to view or buy his work for others, making "Beyond the Boundaries" Paintings of John C. Badger - Abstract Expressionist (1945-2012) more than just an exhibition of his art, but also an important introduction to it, and to the artist himself.

"I was having a drink with a local art collector friend a few weeks ago, and he didn't know anything about John," said Mulgrew. "So, there's this whole generation of people 60 and under who just don't know of his work, whereas 25 or 30 years ago, he was an institution."

Recently, Tully spoke to John's sister who gave him her blessing, assuring him that John would be very pleased with the Voices retrospective.

"I'd like people to know that in addition to his meaningful artwork, he was a good human being," said Tully. "People forget very quickly that he was not only a great artist, but also a great dad, grandad, and friend. It's that human part, in addition to what he created visually, that we can't forget either."

"Beyond the Boundaries" Paintings of John C. Badger - Abstract Expressionist (1945-2012) is a retrospective celebration of Badger's life and art. The exhibit will be held at Voices Studios, 1585 Central Ave., in downtown Dubuque with its opening reception on Friday, March 1, from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. The exhibit continues through Saturday, April 27 with proceeds supporting programming of Voices Studios, a 501(c)3 arts organization. For more information, visit **VoicesStudios.org**.

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### **COVER STORY**



## Kennedy Mall Makes a Comeback

#### Story by Bryce Parks Photos by Bob Felderman

If indoor malls are supposed to be going extinct, Kennedy Mall didn't seem to get the memo. In recent years, and with especially accelerated momentum in the last year or so, the 54-year-old shopping and entertainment venue has rebounded, coming back to life with new businesses and creative new programs to welcome Tri-Staters back to one of the area's most prolific retail centers.

A big remodeling reinvestment by parent company, Cafaro, supported by a renowned community-engagement energy and, most importantly, a number of new retail and entertainment-based tenants has seen mall activity increase dramatically. With new anchor tenant HomeGoods slated to open in April and an array of locally-owned businesses finding success under the sprawling roof, it's high time you revisit Kennedy Mall to discover what you've been missing.

It was near Christmas when I was collecting toys donated to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots from some Kennedy Mall retailers, and I must admit, it was the first time I'd been in the mall in a while. And it was impossible not to notice... PEOPLE! There were people all over. Moreover, there were open storefronts all over. This was not the mall I had experienced the last time I visited; this was a bustling atmosphere. I knew I had to get back soon and find the story behind what I was seeing.

Knowing that HomeGoods was opening soon, it seemed that there was no time like the present. However, since I

started working on the story, the late winter opening has been pushed to April due to several unforeseen factors (wickedly cold temperatures certainly were not helping outdoor construction). But it's still just around the corner. Indeed, there are interesting new things around many corners at Kennedy Mall these days.

So, where do we start the story? I guess, for better or worse, we need to address the elephant in the room. Over the last two decades, it's no secret that indoor malls have had their backs against the wall, struggling to evolve and survive in a new reality where their long-time venerable anchor tenants were starting to drop like flies. Without an immediate clear solution for replacing them, keeping the rest of the mall's offerings relevant and supported by those major draw retailers was going to be a challenge. Many didn't survive the transformation. Kennedy Mall did.

Kennedy Mall is owned and managed as part of the Cafaro family of companies, based in Niles, OH, which built the mall in 1970 as the first enclosed mall in the state of lowa, encompassing nearly 700,000 square feet at 555 John F. Kennedy Rd.

In researching the background of the greater state of malls, there seemed to be a variety of targets to blame for the decline. Back in the 1980s, there were about 2,500 malls nationwide. Today some 700 malls are still operating. The easiest target to blame is online shopping. But that's like peeling back a single layer of the onion. When you dig deeper, consolidation and, well... corporate greed are much to blame.

Senior Vice President William J. Miklandric, Jr. of Leasing & Legal at Cafaro and William Sheely, the leasing director responsible for the Dubuque market, discussed the issue with me and confirmed my findings.

"Take a look at the difference in dollars spent in this country online versus traditional bricks-and-mortar retail, and I think you'd be really surprised," explains Miklandric. "A lot of people make that blanket statement and say it's online shopping. It's a portion, and it's a larger portion than it's ever been, but it remains well behind what people still spend in traditional stores. There's going to be a place for both, but obviously, our position, as our company's 75 years old, is that bricks and mortar still has a place throughout the country."

The conglomeration of major brands under groups like Bon Ton, a department store chain that included Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson's, Elder-Beerman, Herberger's, and Younkers, was also a major factor. In short, these larger holding companies buy a brand and then sell off the real estate assets of the company to generate cash to buy more brands where they repeat the process. All is well and good if those brands all sustain strong sales. But when one slips, there's no real estate to fall back on. And it's a house of cards. One dying brand can bring down the whole family. Bon Ton went bankrupt in 2018. Then you get private equity firms buying up the assets to liquidate what they can from the carcass and leave the brand for dead.

This killing of those major retailers leaves huge empty retail spaces in malls across the country. These malls

once counted on multiple anchor tenants of major retailers to bookend all of the smaller retailers, restaurants, and entertainment venues that filled their hallways in between the big stores. No anchor tenants means no big fish to symbiotically help feed the smaller fish, and the whole ecosystem collapses.

Miklandric concurred, "That's had a major impact. We saw a string of bank-ruptcies that came out of COVID. When a private equity firm has essentially sucked all the cash out of the business and now you're faced with these tremendous headwinds, there's really no way that you're going to make it out of the other side. You might have gone in the rabbit hole to find that side of the story, but you found probably one of the biggest pieces that a lot of people don't take the time to understand."

Now the major struggle is to replace those anchor tenants with new ones. And while Younkers and Sears may be gone, there are still several potential national partners out there. But you also have to show them that the mall is the right place to put down stakes. Additionally, you find new business models springing up to take advantage of these suddenly empty large spaces. In Dubuque, The Fun Station, EL-1 Sports, and Planet Fitness fit that bill.

"After 55 years with this property, it's interesting that one of the things that made The Fun Station work is that way back in the day when the mall was developed, we created ceiling heights that can accommodate a trampoline park. And at one point, there was actually a theater inside the mall. So, we were able

**COVER STORY** 





to take a portion of the former Sears, for example, and repurpose these spaces for Planet Fitness and EL-1 Sports. I'd love to go back in time and hear what our founder would think about having these types of uses in the malls that he built back then."

"You have to be creative to repurpose those spaces because some of those traditional department stores aren't going to come back around. So that's definitely been the name of the game, to try and get the puzzle pieces to fill those large spaces."

So, fast forward to post-COVID America, and Cafaro is working on creative ways to bring life back to these hard-to-fill spaces and challenging their local management team to create new energy and activity to bring patrons back to the halls of Kennedy Mall.

"I think what we want to do is build the best mousetrap," explains Miklandric.

"What gets people in there? What does the community need? And one of the things that you can see throughout our portfolio that includes Kennedy Mall and Dubuque is getting people to stay on the property. I think we do a better job of that than a lot of people in our industry. It's not a walk-in, walk-out enterprise like many box stores. People are visiting Kennedy Mall every single day for things like Planet Fitness or bringing the kids to The Fun Station.

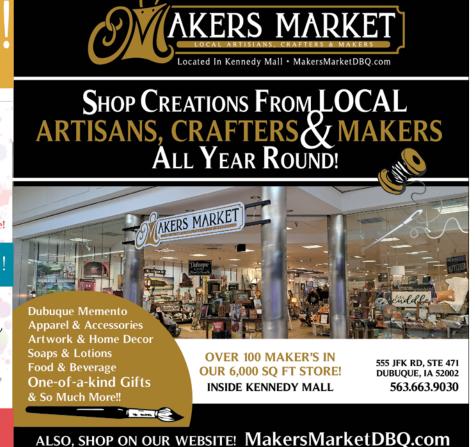
Hopefully, that means that they're going to pick up something at or around the mall to eat or shop while they're there before or after their main reason for coming."

We're challenged to get people to then discover the rest, and one of the key ingredients that our leasing directors use is a good sense of what the community needs and looking for a different mixture of retailers or other kinds of businesses that might fulfill those needs. And



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then, of course, shoppers' needs have changed over the years" said Cafaro's Communications Director, Joe Bell.

It seems a particular sense of pride for Cafaro that many of the businesses finding success at Kennedy Mall today are locally owned and tailored to the Dubuque audience. Currently, 15 of the 50 or so tenants at the mall are local, non-chain businesses.

"One of the real success stories in Dubuque is Captured On Canvas," shares William Sheely, Leasing Director responsible for the Dubuque market. Yes, two Bills on one conference call, so keep up! "You can actually go in there and learn to paint and create your own works, a concept that probably no mall had 20 years ago. It's a great way to draw different people into the mall and to get them to spend time and to come back."

"Another great example of that is actually Donna from Classy & Chic Boutique. She currently has a location in downtown Dubuque and is now finding success with a second location at the mall. And one thing that I really noticed in my short time here in the Dubuque market is that local people like to support local people in Dubuque."

That success has led the owners of Captured on Canvas to open two more storefronts inside Kennedy Mall.

"It kind of caught me at a good time because my business was ready to expand," explains Mercedes Pfab, owner of Captured on Canvas. "They actually reached out to me and have been really good to work with especially as far as the price for rent. And the sales have definitely been trending up every year I've been here. And it's great to see all the new traffic on an almost daily basis. There's always somebody walking in the mall saying that they haven't been here for a very long time. So it's been much better for my businesses and offers more and more foot traffic year by year."

Mercedes and her husband, Dekker Pfab, added two more storefronts within Kennedy Mall on the success of Captured on Canvas. Makers Market is a 6,000-square-foot outlet to purchase locally made crafts from apparel and art to Dubuque mementos. Things you're never going to find in a big box store. And The Tech Corner, which is just what it sounds like, offers repairs for computers, cellphones, tablets, game consoles, and other electronics.

"I am excited to see that almost all the spots are filling up and the variety of stores as well," Mercedes continued. "I think there's always something for everybody now in the mall for sure, and they're also having a lot more community events and kids activities here."

So, while 30 years ago, malls were thriving on hallways filled with smaller national chain retailers, those spaces are now being filled by local entrepreneurs making a go of it right next to the big boys like Dick's Sporting Goods, Books-A-Million, and soon, HomeGoods.

As good as Cafaro's vision might be for righting the ship from the home base of Ohio, it also takes creative thinking and a forward-moving energy locally to engage that vision and add the everimportant ingredient of knowing your hometown market. Both Bills agree that the team in place in Dubuque is doing a great job of doing just that, led by Property Manager Dick Launspach, Operations Secretary Faye Begle, and Marketing Director Bobbie Jost who I got to sit down with and talk strategy.

When the guys in Ohio mentioned the fact that they go out and actually talk to the community and ask what they want to see, Bobbie Jost is that person. She's out in the mall every day asking people those questions. The most recent arrival to the Kennedy Mall crew, Jost hit the



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ground running in June of 2023. While Cafaro may have a great plan for the big picture, knowing Dubuque so well, Bobbie can focus on the smaller picture.

"When I started, I said, 'This [references her plan] is what I want to do. Let me go!' And they did."

"Bobbie does a great job for me out there," shares Leasing Director Bill Sheely. "She's calling me once or twice a day, 'Hey, what about this concept?' Bobbie and Dick, they do a phenomenal job at the property. They're basically our eyes and ears being that we're in Ohio. They give me all the tools I need when I take trips to Dubuque to really go after different types of tenants that we may not have thought of before. So they're phenomenal."

But Bill Sheely is not sitting in his office directing the troops either. He travels throughout the state of lowa and competing markets to see other shopping centers.



"One of the things that I think that our local group does in Dubuque as good or better than anybody out there is taking care of the physical plants on our properties and the maintenance level that we have" said Bill Miklandric. "When you go to our mall in Dubuque, it's always well kept and taken care of, and that's kind of the ownership mentality of that group."

Miklandric added, "We just did a remodel in 2021, at a time when

commercial landlords across the country were doing everything but spending money coming out of the pandemic. That remodel is to solidify the shopping center into the future. Now what we've got to do is address the anchor situation. We can't mention any names while discussions are ongoing, so... I'll editorially finish his sentence... "Stay tuned!"

Returning from the home office's macro plan for what's working to Bobbie's local





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marketing micro plan for renewed energy at Kennedy Mall, it seems to be all about creating buzz and energy, and she's doing that with special events that draw people.

"Christmas was crazy," Jost tells us. "I think we had 25 holiday events to welcome people back to the mall. So, I think that's where our success is. That's where we're being different. I think it's more about an experience than just coming to shop anymore, and I think that's how

we're thriving right now. Really getting involved in the community is key. I think making free events for kids and families has drawn a lot of people as it made the mall a destination again."

The mall's trick-or-treat bash last fall brought in as many as 2,000 kids for one event. While there for that specific event, so many of those people may not have been to the mall in a while and looked around and saw what



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was happening there. And because of that, many will be back. So, Bobbie is open to ideas and welcomes them.

Watch for Toddler Tuesdays, monthly sidewalk sales, a blood drive, selfie competitions, and a spring fashion show, plus Easter will bring a Bunny Bash this year. They also plan to expand on their Golden Knights jump this year around the 4th of July holiday. That's part of what puts her out in the mall hallways all the time gauging the wants of the people who are already frequenting the mall.

New stores make big news stories, but simply getting their existing stores back on consistent hours of operation (Monday–Saturday at 10 a.m.–9 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m.–6 p.m.) has made a big difference. When you come to the mall now, everything's open. That matters.

In my rabbit-hole internet digging, I also found an interesting revelation by Coresight Research which noted that after years of living with online shopping, omni-channel marketing, where a brand has both a physical and online presence, has been a major factor driving mall growth. Brands that started online are opening real stores as customers still want to touch or try out products. And just like in the '80s, younger shoppers, Gen Z, are leading the return to mall shopping nationwide. And they also note a rise in "experience-focused" tenants. Sound familiar?

Almost two-thirds of Gen Z consumers also say they go to malls for the social aspect, not for any specific product. And post-pandemic society has proven it's hungry for communal spaces. Kennedy Mall too sees a lot of young people hanging out at the mall again, just like we did in the '80s. And while that can come with its own set of challenges, Jost says that just having that presence is healthy, noting that it's a safe place for people to spend time.

And that brings us to the mall walkers. It's not a few people; it's a small rotating army of Dubuquers that find the hallways of Kennedy Mall the perfect destination for getting their steps in but also for socializing in a safe, flat, weather-free atmosphere. Not only does Kennedy Mall encourage mall walkers, but they also have a program where you can get in early to walk even before stores open. Visit the Mall Management Office located across from Ulta Beauty between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to register and receive your free walker pass. Mall doors open at the Edward Jones entrance daily at 8 a.m. for registered walkers.

And with a lot of older locals wanting to walk, rest, and chat, naturally, they want coffee. Since BAM!'s coffee stop closed with their move to a new location in the mall, so went access to a good cup of coffee. Well, fear not. One of the newest entrepreneurial tenants, Irvin Johnson (no, not that THAT Irvin Johnson) is opening two stores, This & That and World Earth Minerals (I'll get to both of those in a bit). But he is also opening World Earth Coffee just across the hall to fill the need expressed by so many mall regulars. And I'll bet mall workers will also appreciate having a fresh cup of coffee right down the hall.

When looking at what's new at the mall, you can't miss the game-changer anchor tenant arriving in April. HomeGoods, one of the nation's most popular destinations for housewares and home décor, part of the TJX group which also operates TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Sierra, and others, will debut in Dubuque at Kennedy Mall, occupying a spacious 24,000-squarefoot location next to HuHot Mongolian Grill. BAM! (Books-A-Million), which was previously located in that spot, moved to a new 12,000-square-foot space that is part of the former Younkers store.



The new World Earth Minerals offers a wide variety of stones, jewelry, engraving services, and a really cool gold mining activity for the kids. At the same time, This & That offers overstock items at a discounted cost, usually priced around 25% of the typical retail cost. Items are new but bought in bulk to allow for the lower prices of toys, clothing, furniture, and more.

And hitting the Gen Z demo, the new Angry Fox is a retailer focused on anime collectibles, gaming, and snacks. We should also highlight that Gold Standard Athletics joined with EL-1 Sports, a leading national youth sports training company endorsed by Major League Baseball, to take its large indoor Kenney Mall youth baseball training facility to a new level.

One business that's not new but at the same time is very new is the transition of Vertical Jump Park to The Fun Station. With the new owner, there is not just a new name but there is also a huge investment in new amenities that will let you jump, fly, swing, bounce, and flip your day away. This is also the kind of silver-lining business that may have grown from the dark clouds of anchor brands disappearing. They're the perfect fit for giant empty spaces that both bring a lot of traffic and can also move in without massive infrastructure investment.

"That place is just crazy," says Bobbie Jost with a smile about The Fun Station. "I mean, they have done so many updates. They just put these new slides in which are super fun. I went in at 10 a.m. the other day, a very cold day, and I bet you there were 200 people in there. It was amazing."

Bobbie says a positive, healthy relationship with all of the mall tenants is another key to forward progress. Quarterly tenant meetings have great attendance and generate useful feedback. "They're all noticing the trends," says Jost. "They're all seeing it in their numbers, and you know the

management is seeing it. I think we have a pretty great relationship with all of them."

She also finds a lot of synergy with Property Manager Dick Launspach. She's new and energetic with fresh ideas, and Dick has been at the mall a long time. He's seen it all, the good and the bad, and as Bobbie puts it, "He knows everything," and can bring that experience to seeing both the opportunities but also the potential problems with her "crazy ideas". She's also quick to praise the maintenance and security personnel on staff. Those are things you might take for granted, but just visit malls outside of Dubuque. Cleanliness and safety are not a given. We just assume they are because it's what we've learned to expect in our own mall.

Developing new tenants isn't always about recruiting existing chains to come to town. It can also be developing businesses with local entrepreneurs by giving them good opportunities to create and grow.

"It's not just getting a rent check," explains Jost. "It's about attracting reputable businesses that serve a demographic. I know [Cafaro has] turned down some opportunities. Our leasing leadership team is so very loyal to who's in here, avoiding competition. And if people just assume the rent is too high, that is just a lot of chatter. Every lease is formed differently to fit that business model. If you have a business and you want more information and they like what you're gonna bring to the table, they work with you to build a successful business with you. It's not cut and dry. It's not just square feet. There's a lot that goes in behind the leasing side of it, and I encourage anybody with the business idea or business model to see for themselves to reach out."

"Cafaro is investing time and capital to bring different things in," she continues. "They're putting a lot of their own money into things locally. Because I don't think





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Jeweler

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Jeweler

#### Royal Nails

Manicures, pedicures, nail care

#### Rue 21

Women's fashion and accessories

#### **Shoe Carnival**

Footwear

#### **Spencers**

Gifts, décor, gags, adult toys

#### **Suns Alterations**

Clothing alterations

#### Sunshine Health Spa

Massage, facials, and more

#### **T-Shirt Station**

Custom T-shirts and sweaters

#### **Texas Roadhouse**

Chain-based Texas-themed steakhouse

#### The Tech Corner

Computer and device repair

#### This and That

Discount overstock retail outlet

#### Tradehome Shoes

Footwear

#### **Ulta Beauty**

Cosmetics and beauty products

#### Victoria's Secret

Women's fashion and intimates

#### **World Earth Minerals**

Stones, jewelry, engraving



RECLINE AND ENJOY A MOVIE AT PHOENIX THEATRES

a lot of people know that without them investing, businesses like HomeGoods don't come. Did you know Cafaro gives me thousands of dollars to donate to worthy causes in the community every year? They just increased that amount. I've never worked for a company that gave me money to give back. Nonprofits can send requests, and they make disbursements in \$500 increments to touch as many people as possible. The Cafaros have really done a lot of great things for Dubuque. And I don't see that stopping anytime soon."

The strong community connection is also evidenced by a host of other ways the property serves a role as a gathering space. The Carnegie-Stout reading corner returned to the mall, sponsored by the Cafaro family directly. The facility has also housed a vaccination center during the COVID pandemic and serves as an emergency warming center during weather emergencies. You can also find the Dubuque Winter Farmers Market every Saturday morning, November through April, in the west concourse next to Planet Fitness.

And while you might think of Kennedy Mall as one big building, for Cafaro, it's part of a campus including several very crucial out-parcel partners including Texas Roadhouse, Best Buy, Firestone Tires, and Caring Transitions which helps with relocation, downsizing, and often involves helping local families with the difficult process of estate sales. And we definitely can't miss the popular Phoenix Theatres. They all contribute to the draw and the value that Kennedy Mall brings to Dubuque.

Phoenix Theatres is a great example of the Cafaro Company's creative efforts to bring in new partners to enhance its presence.

"The Cafaro Company asked us to travel to Dubuque to explore the opportunity of having a new theater in Dubuque six years ago," explains Phoenix Theatres owner Cory Jacobsen who is based in the Detroit area. "This resulted in us opening Phoenix Kennedy on April 6, 2018. We can hardly believe that six years have passed so quickly. Dubuque has become our favorite place to visit throughout the year. The business has been consistently very vibrant, and the friendships we have gained there have been very significant to our personal lives and the success of our company."

Just before the pandemic, Phoenix had plans to add a PLF (premium large format) screen at Phoenix Kennedy Mall which they have put on hold due to the high costs associated with new construction nationally, primarily due to the supply chain issues. As these costs have stabilized, this project is now once again under serious consideration.

"As of this week, we have reopened negotiations with the Cafaro Company about resuming the expansion project, and this was met rather positively as a potential project for 2026 by their management. Our PLF screen in Monroe, MI is a great success [and is another Cafaro property], and we certainly recognize the value of having what we consider a very special destination screen for major attractions."

We will certainly continue to update our progress on this project as this information becomes available. In the interim, we note that Phoenix will introduce a new premium amenity of Dolby ATMOS to Phoenix Kennedy in 2024. Dolby ATMOS sound makes every film more immersive and brings a significant premium experience to the moviegoers of Dubuque.

And since Phoenix Theatres is looking to the future, let's do the same for the rest of Kennedy Mall and other Cafaro properties. This is probably a good place to remind you that Cafaro also owns the Asbury Plaza shopping center where



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GRAB A BITE TO EAT AT THE DUBUQUE MINING CO.

Sierra just opened up and Barnes & Noble booksellers is about to open in the old Pier 1 space. They also just bought the nearby Buffalo Wild Wings strip mall and re-surfaced that awful parking lot, making the empty spaces in that strip mall more attractive. And look for a new strip mall to go in next to Collins Community Credit Union where the old Shopko parking lot sits empty. Yep, that's them, too. They are truly ingrained in the Dubuque community.

A big question that Bobbie gets all the time is about food. With the demise of so many anchor tenants a decade ago, so went the foot traffic that kept the food court buzzing, and thus went the food court. Even Great American Cookie Company (R.I.P.). So you can bet that this issue is big on the radar at Kennedy Mall for the future.

Addressing the former Yonkers women's store is probably priority No. 1



right now according to Cafaro leadership. Being so visible at the front of the mall is admittedly a huge hole for them. And they realize that more restaurants at Kennedy Mall could do extremely well.

The Dubuque Mining Company is basically a Dubuque institution. Legendary Cave Ins, clam strips, and going on 2 million burgers served... plus an Andes mint at the end. It's just part of being a Dubuquer. Next door-ish, HuHot Mongolian Grill lets you create your own stir fry concoction and watch it get cooked hot and fast on a giant, round, flattop grill. The well-known Texas Roadhouse steakhouse chain has been extremely wellreceived since its arrival. If you've ever been on a the weekend waitlist, you know what I'm talking about. Mmmm... warm bread and cinnamon butter! But there's always room for more dining options, especially if it's different and exciting.

But that target description goes for all of the potential additions Cafaro might make to the mall. Filling in some of the empty spots, moving some around, and maybe even getting some of those national brand tenants back into the mall is the goal. Even re-attracting brands that have left malls in the past to come back to a revived mall atmosphere is possible.

A recent *New York Times* feature noted that occupancy rates are the No. 1 indicator of a mall's health but also noted that occupancy rates of 100% are not necessarily a goal for malls looking to stay competitive and attractive. Store closures do not automatically mean the mall format is in trouble. Times change, and consumers like to see new offerings. That's what turnover is all about.

So what can stop the mall's growth this time? Two things loom largest. The first is leaving town to shop elsewhere.

"It's kind of surprising to people like us," pondered Miklandric, "that people

would travel to places like Davenport and Coralville to meet the needs that can otherwise be covered at Kennedy Mall. Like a public park, if you don't use it, it's going to be hard to sustain. Shopping local includes shopping at the mall."

"The first question that any national tenant, anybody that's anybody, has ever approached me with in Dubuque is what are the sales volumes of the stores at our malls? So if you go to other malls and spend your money at stores that we otherwise have at Kennedy Mall, you're actually helping that mall and hurting ours all at the same time. So it's kind of like cutting off your nose to spite your face." Miklandric said.

The second hurdle is our own gossip. I know many of you thought before you read this story that the mall was failing. It is not. Quite the contrary. Instead of speaking from a personal experience, we rely on idle chatter and old experience. So, I ask you now to go to Kennedy Mall again soon. Make your own new observations from your own experiences. And if you agree that there's something cool happening, do your part to change the conversation. If nothing else, correct others when they share, well... fake news.

Bobbie sums it up well, "Our traffic is up, our sales are up. It's just, it's trending up. So it just seems fit that we grow with it. There's where we came from, where we are, and where we're going. That's the biggest thing that I think Dubuque needs to understand, get behind, and support. This is an opportunity for us to take this and make it what we want. As a community, having that buy-in, and as a company, being transparent is how we're going to do that."

Or just start a rumor that the mall is getting a Red Lobster and watch everybody freak out.



## Picture Yourself in the Tri-States

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Singer Jason Beau of Jabber Box toasts the late Toby Keith with a red Solo cup while performing one of his songs during their Mississippi Moon Bar show at Diamond Jo Casino.



Superfan Nick Meyers meets legendary voice actors Maurice LaMarche & Rob Paulsen from Animaniacs, Pinky & the Brain, and the Ghostbusters Cartoon while in town for their Five Flags Theater Animaniacs Live



When the weather is too warm to step out on the river for the Ice Golf Classic, you improvise and still have an amazing fundraiser for St. Mark Youth Enrichment ashore!



A huge crowd came out to the Smokestack during the First Friday art events to take in the Black As You Are art exhibition and spoken word event opening in celebration of Black History Month.



The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra offerd up a charming, intense, romantic way to spend Valentine's weekend with their Star-Crossed Lovers performances at Five Flags Theater.



The Hempstead Mustangs men's swim team floated away as 2024 District Swimming Champions. It appears the coach was pretty excited about their accomplishment. We love the energy and enthusiasm! Photo by Kylie Loeffelholz.

Wild Alaskan

**Fish Sandwich** 

Popcorn Shrimp Basket



Sam Mulgrew braves Central Avenue traffic to transfer works of the late artist John Badger from their prep space to the Voices Studios Gallery as they get ready for the big show opening on March 1st.



100+ Men Who Care: Tri-State Area chose Centrally Rooted as their Q4 2023 nonprofit honoree with a big check (literally and figuratively) for \$13,300. A tip of our hats to the heroes on



Recent 365ink cover story artist Gareth Johnson brought his incredible talent to elementary schools across Dubuque and beyond as he prepares for his highly anticipated live performance on February 17th at the University of Dubuque.



The Cremers are one of many Dubuque families making the pilgrimage to Iowa City this season to take in the phenomenon that is Caitlin Clark and the U of I women's basketball team.



Live music fans fill Five Flags Arena to see one of Iowa's fastest growing bands, The Pork Tornadoes bring their high-energy show filled with lots of '90s rock hits and beyond.





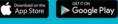
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# Tell Me All Your Thoughts on Cod

The 2024 Fish Fry Season is February 14–March 29, but many locations offer fish frys year-round! View our most up-to-date list at dubuque365.com/fish.

**1st & Main** 101 Main St, DBQ, IA 563-587-8152 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-9 PM

**3 Mile House** 370 US 35, Hazel Green, WI 608-748-4455 Every Fri @ 4:30–9 PM

7 Hills Brewing Co 1085 Washington St, DBQ, IA 563-587-8306 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-10 PM

**7 Hills North** 92 E Main St, Platteville, WI 608-348-6008 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4:30-9 PM

**7 Hills West** 703 13<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Dyersville, IA 563-875-8200 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4:30-9 PM

Asbury Eagles Club 5900 Saratoga Rd #10, Asbury, IA 563-588-4458 3/29 @ 5-8 PM

Baraboo's on Main 345 Main St, DBQ, IA 563-231-3226 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-9 PM

The Barn
5090 Sherrill Rd, Sherrill, IA
563-552-2353
Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-1 PM;
Every Fri @ 5 PM

Bellevue Fire & Rescue 300 State St, Bellevue, IA 563-872-4949 3/8 @ 4-8 PM

The Big House
3001 160<sup>th</sup> St, Petersburg, IA
563-875-2612
Every Fri @ 11 AM-9 PM

**Birdie's Bistro** 1220 Iowa St, DBQ, IA 563-213-5583 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 7 AM-2 PM Bluff Lake
Catfish Farm
9301 95<sup>th</sup> Ave, Maquoketa, IA
563-652-3272
Every Fri Starting 2/16
@ 4:30–9 PM

Breitbach's
Country Dining
563 Balltown Rd, Sherrill, IA
563-552-2220
Every Fri @ 4-8:30 PM

The Bridge Restaurant & Lounge 31 Locust St, DBQ, IA 563-557-7280 Every Fri @ 4-8 PM

Brothers on 2<sup>nd</sup> 90 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Platteville, WI 608-348-3339 Every Fri @ 11 AM-8 PM

Burkey's Bar and Grill 10638 Key West Dr, DBQ, IA 563-231-3253 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-8:30 PM

Cajun Jack's Bar & Grill 1336 US HWY 20 W, Elizabeth, IL 815-858-3535 Fri through 3/1 @ 11 AM-9 PM

Cascade Sportsmen's Club 301 Jackson St NE, Cascade, IA 563-451-8126 3/1 @ 5:30-8:30 PM

Catfish Charlie's 1630 E 16th St, DBQ, IA 563-582-8600 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-9 PM

Chad's Pizza
108 1st Ave W, Dyersville, IA
563-875-2483
Every Fri @ 4:30-8:30 PM

Chop's Kall Inn Supper Club 4089 Sandy Hook Rd, Hazel Green, WI 608-748-4393 Every Fri @ 4-9 PM City Limits
Family Restaurant
906 S Main St, Maquoketa, IA
563-652-9709
Every Fri @ 4-8 PM

Cobra Lanes 107 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Farley, IA 563-744-3008 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4:30-9 PM

**Coe's Bar** 280 Jess St, Bernard, IA 563-879-3216 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 5 PM

Cole Acres Golf & Grill 7617 County Rd J, Cuba City, WI 608-744-2476 Every Fri @ 4:30-9 PM

Country Heights Supper Club 1152 Badger Rd, Hazel Green, WI 608-748-4687 Every Fri @ 4:30 PM-9 PM

Crossroads 9315 State Rd 80, Platteville, WI 608-348-7899 Every Fri @ 4:30 PM

Darkbird Taphouse 7305 Thunder Valley Dr, Peosta, IA 563-590-7081 2/14 @ 5 PM

DeSoto House Hotel 230 S Main St, Galena, IL 815-777-0090 Every Fri @ 11 AM-8 PM

Dog House Lounge 1646 Asbury Rd, DBQ, IA 563-556-7611 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-1 AM

Doolittle's Pub & Eatery (Cuba City)
112 S Main St, Cuba City, WI
608-744-2404
Every Fri @ 11 AM-10 PM

Doolittle's Pub & Eatery (Lancaster) 135 S Jefferson St, Lancaster, WI 608-723-7676 Every Fri @ 5-10 PM **Dubuque Eagles Club** 1175 Century Dr, DBQ, IA 563-582-6498 Every Fri @ 11:30 AM-2 PM; Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 5 PM

**Dubuque Elks Lodge** 9018 Military Rd, DBQ, IA 563-583-5708 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 5-8 PM *Reservations required* 

Dyersville Family Restaurant 226 1st Ave E, Dyersville, IA 563-875-0033 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 6:30 AM-8 PM

Eichman's Bar & Family Restaurant 11941 Hwy 52 N, Sageville, IA 563-552-2494 Every Fri @ 4-9 PM

Emmy Lou's 11347 Oldenburg Ln, Galena, IL 815-777-4732 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-7:30 PM

Foodie Garage Eatery 1046 Central Ave, DBQ, IA 563-845-0131 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-8 PM

Fuse Restaurant & Bar 224 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Dyersville, IA 563-513-0051 2/14 & Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-9 PM

Gangster's Bar & Grill 2020 N Main St, Hazel Green, WI 608-854-2724 Every Fri @ 5-8:30 PM

Gooch's Greenhouse 3544 County Rd HHH, Kieler, WI 608-568-3040 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-9 PM

**Guler's Corner** 1895 Hwy 80, Cuba City, WI 608-744-8498 Every Fri @ 11 AM-9 PM

The Hangry Hobo Various Locations 2/14 & Fri: 2/16–3/29

HG-IC School 3685 County Rd HHH, Kieler, WI 608-568-7220 3/1, 3/29 @ 4:30-8 PM

The Hilltop at Menominee 16680 HWY 20, East DBQ, IL 815-281-2978 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 5-9 PM **Holy Spirit Parish** 2921 Central Ave, DBQ, IA 563-583-1709 2/16 @ 4:30-7 PM

Hotel Julien
Dubuque Caroline's
Restaurant
200 Main St, DBQ, IA
563-588-5595
Fri through 3/29
@ 11 AM-1:30 PM & 5-9 PM

Houlihan's 1801 Greyhound Park Rd, DBQ, IA 563-585-5233 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-10 PM

Hy-Vee (Asbury) 2395 NW Arterial, DBQ, IA 563-583-2199 Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM-8 PM

**Hy-Vee (Dodge)** 3500 Dodge St, DBQ, IA 563-583-5204 Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM-8 PM

**Hy-Vee (Locust)** 400 S Locust St, DBQ, IA 563-583-6148 Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM-9 PM

Kalmes Club 528 275 Jackson St NE, Cascade, IA 563-852-3531 Every Fri @ 4-8:30 PM

Kalmes Restaurant 100 Main St, St Donatus, IA 563-773-2480 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 5 PM

Kelly's Cafe 2370 Rhomberg Ave, DBQ, IA 563-552-7441 Fri 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-8 PM

Key West Sportsman's Club 2323 Rockdale Rd, DBQ, IA 563-556-9734 3/8 @ 4:30-8:30 PM

Knights of Columbus Council 510 2921 Central Ave, DBQ, IA 563-588-2011 2/23, 3/1, 3/8 @ 5-7:30 PM

Lacoma Golf 8080 Timmerman Dr, East DBQ, IL 815-747-3874 Fri through 3/29 @ 11 AM-7 PM Lawrence Pub and Eatery 46 E Main St, Benton, WI 608-759-4000 Every Fri @ 11 AM-9 PM

Louisburg Junction Supper Club 2061 Louisburg Rd, Cuba City, WI 608-744-3663 Every Fri @ 4:30-9 PM

Maquoketa FFA Alumni 1102 E Platt St, Maquoketa, IA 2/23 @ 4-7 PM

Market House Restaurant H.P. 204 Perry St, Galena, IL 815-777-0690 Every Fri @ 8 AM-5 PM

**Midtown Marina** 285 5<sup>th</sup> St, East DBQ, IL 815-747-3310 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 5-8 PM

**Midway Pub** 5979 HWY 61, Potosi, WI 608-763-2400 Every Fri @ 11 AM-10 PM

Moracco Supper Club 1413 Rockdale Rd, DBQ, IA 563-582-2947 Every Fri @ 4 PM

Mulgrew's Tavern 240 Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL 815-747-3845 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 10 AM-3:30 AM

Nick's Cafe 119 S Main St, Cuba City, WI 608-744-3424 Every Fri @ 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Off Shore Bar & Grill 4115 N Riverview Bellevue, IA 563-872-5000 Every Fri @ 11 AM-9 PM

The Old School Saloon 311 Provost Ave, Scales Mound, IL 815-845-8140 Every Fri @ 5-9 PM

The Original Potosi Saloon 192 S Main St, Potosi, WI 608-763-2230 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4:30 PM

\*\*\* The Other Side 68 Sinsinawa Ave, East DBQ, IL 815-747-9049
Fri: 2/16-3/29
@ 11 AM-3 PM; 4:30-8 PM AYCE lunch only

Oxus Grotto 3011 Autumn Dr, Asbury, IA 563-588-0602 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 @ 5-7:30 PM Carry out only

**The Palace Saloon** 149 1st Ave E, Dyersville, IA 563-875-2284 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-9 PM

PioneerCatholic 135 S Hickory St, Platteville, WI 608-383-5574 2/16 @ 4:30-7 PM

PJ's Pub & Hall 3670 County Rd HHH, Kieler, WI 608-568-3118 Every Fri @ 4-9 PM

Potosi Brewery 209 S Main St, Potosi, WI 608-763-4002 Every Fri @ 11 AM-9 PM

**Prairie Moon On Main** 103 E Main St, Prairieburg, IA 319-437-6006 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-9 PM

Q Casino Q Sports Bar (21+) 1855 Greyhound Park Rd, DBQ, IA 563-582-3647 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-10 PM

Red N Deb's Bar & Grill 60 E. Mineral St. Platteville, WI 608-348-9149 Every Fri @ 11:30 AM-8 PM

Red Roof Diner 195 Peterson Dr, Peosta, IA 563-556-6004 Every Fri @ 11 AM-8 PM

Rhody's 14167 Old HWY Rd, DBQ, IA 563-585-1500 Every Fri @ 5-9 PM

Richman's Cafe 602 S Riverview St, Bellevue, IA 563-872-3749 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-7 PM

Rocks Pour House 10390 Bridge St, Gratiot, WI 608-922-8400 Every Fri @ 4:30-9 PM

Round 2
8412 Peosta Commercial Ct,
Peosta IA
563-239-2000
Every Fri @ 11 AM-10 PM

**Shot Tower Inn** 390 Locust St, DBQ, IA 563-556-1061 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-10 PM St. Clement 24287 New Vienna Rd, Bankston, IA 563-876-5540 2/23 @ 4-8 PM

St. Francis Xavier Parish 203 2<sup>nd</sup> St SW, Dyersville, IA 3/15 @ 4:30-7:30 PM

St. John the Baptist 241 Peosta St, Peosta, IA 563-876-5540 3/1 @ 4:30-8 PM

St. John, Placid 22481 E Pleasant Grove Rd, Epworth, IA 563-876-5540 2/16 @ 4:30-7:30 PM

St. Joseph (Earlville) 307 Mary St, Earlville, IA 563-873-7325 3/22 @ 4:30-7:30 PM

**St. Joseph (Farley)** 202 Second Ave S, Farley, IA 563-876-5540 3/8 @ 4:30-8:30 PM *Drive thru only* 

**St. Joseph (Garnavillo)** 206 W Oak St, Garnavillo, IA 563-252-1247 2/23, 3/1, 3/8 @ 5-8 PM

St. Joseph (Sinsinawa) 780 County Rd Z, Sinsinawa, WI 608-748-4442 2/16, 3/22 @ 4-7:30 PM 3/22 carry-out only

**St. Mary's (Platteville)** 130 W Cedar St, Platteville, WI 608-482-4431 3/15 @ 4:30-6:30 PM

St. Mary's (Strawberry Point) 314 W Mission St, Strawberry Point, IA 563-933-6166 2/16 @ 4:30-7:30 PM

**St. Patrick's** 708 W Delaware St, Colesburg, IA 563-928-7200 2/23 @ 4:30-7 PM

**Sts. Peter & Paul** 1622 300<sup>th</sup> Ave, Petersburg, IA 563-543-5018 2/16 @ 4:30-8 PM

Sunset Lanes 410 S Main St, Dickeyville, WI 608-568-7999 Every Fri @ 5-8 PM **Thumser's 19**<sup>th</sup> **Hole** 1625 IL-35, East DBQ, IL 815-747-8819 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 5-9 PM

The Ticket Bar & Grill 60 S Court St, Platteville, WI 608-348-3700 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-10 PM

Timmerman's 7777 Timmerman Dr, East DBQ, IL 815-747-3316 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 4-9 PM

Twisted Vines Pub and Eatery 102 N Main St, Potosi, WI 608-763-2048 Every Fri @ 4:30-8 PM

The Vault Restaurant & Cocktail Lounge 342 Main St, DBQ, IA 563-582-4603 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-9 PM

VERSUS 2.0 2364 Washington St, DBQ, IA 563-663-6113 Every Fri Starting 2/23 @ 4-9 PM

VFW Club Bar & Grill 110 E. Mineral St, Platteville, WI 608-348-8883 Every Fri @ 11 AM-1:30 PM & 4-8 PM

Village Bar 3410 County HWY HHH, Kieler, WI 608-568-3004 Every Fri @ 4–10 PM

West Dubuque Tap 1701 Asbury Rd, DBQ, IA 563-556-9647 Every Fri @ 4-9 PM

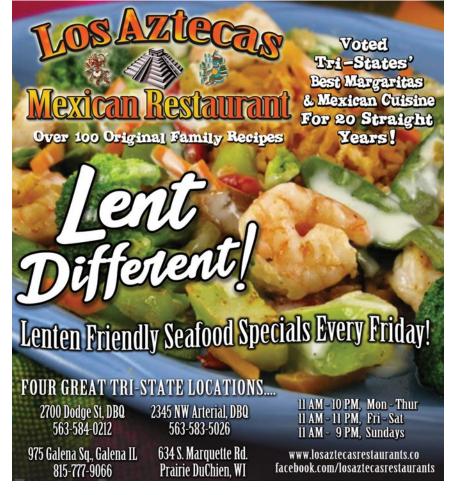
Yoder's Bar Rockville 6090 HWY 35 & 61, Potosi, WI 608-763-2013 Fri: 2/16-3/29 @ 11 AM-9 PM

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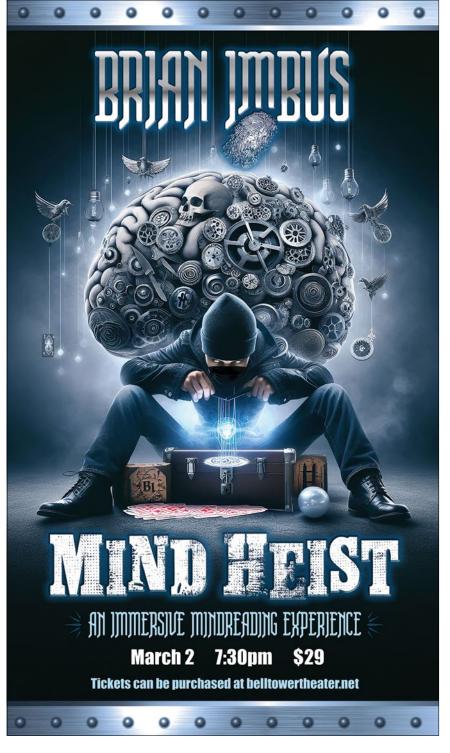
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#### THU **2/15**

Jukebox Bingo 6:30 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Julien Winds Chamber Concert 7 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

Scott Waterhouse 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

#### FRI **2/16**

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series: Ragtime Brass Quintet Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Jimmy Welty Band 4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Three Quarter Buzz 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Joie Wails 6 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

Boys of Lloyd 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Rock Steady 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Karaoke w/ Denise 7 PM @ Northside Bar

Secrets 7 PM @ Timber Lanes (Maquoketa, IA)

Anthony Bonazzo 8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Brushfire Bandits 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Andreas Transo 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

The Swampland Jewels 9 PM @ The Lift

Angela Meyer 10 PM @ First Reserve

#### SAT **2/17**

Mississippi Band 1 PM @ Southend Tap Darin and Amber 2 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Jef Spradley 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel 2 PM @ Ohnward Fine Arts Center (Maquoketa, IA)

Joseph John Valenti 3 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Daniel Stratman 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Rock Steady 6 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Elizabeth Mary 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

EDGE Foundation Trivia Night Fundraiser 6 PM @ Midtown Marina (East DBQ, IL)

BJ McAndrew 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Kristina Marie Castañeda & Shawn Healy 6 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena, IL)

Secrets 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Jimmy Berg Duo 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Trivia: Jim Carrey w/ GQ Entertainment 7 PM @ Southend Tap

Jimmy Welty Band 7 PM @ Chestnut Mountain (Galena, IL)

Gareth Johnson & His Evolution Band 7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

Anthony Bonazzo 8 PM @ Comedy Bar

The Spazmatics 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar Sam Day 8 PM @ First Reserve

Scott Cornwell and Chuck Lewis 8 PM @ HJD Riverboat Lounge

Andreas Transo 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 9 PM @ Denny's Lux Club

Cirque Du Buque: Love Games 10 PM @ Smokestack

#### SUN **2/18**

Tony Walker 1 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Nutsy Turtle & Lori G 1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Sarah Day 2 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jam: The 2 Carls Band 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Jacquie Miller 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Secrets
3 PM @ Hawg Dogs (Savanna, IL)

Sea Shanty Sunday w/ Andreas Transo 6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

#### WED **2/21**

Driftless Ramblers Duo 7 PM @ First Reserve

Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass, Alan Morrison 7:30 PM @ UD Heritage Center

#### THU **2/22**

Lee Greenwood 7 PM @ Five Flags Arena

Andrew Huber 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

#### FRI **2/23**

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series: Clarke University Collegiate Singers Noon @ St. Luke's UMC Cassie & Randy 4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Daniel Eric 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Eric Richards Duo 6 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

The Mixed Emotions Band 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Trivia: '80s Night w/ GQ Entertainment 7 PM @ Esther's Lounge

Karaoke w/ Denise 7 PM @ Northside Bar

Daniel Eric 7 PM @ Wicked Dame

Three Quarter Buzz 7 PM @ Twisted Vines (Potosi, WI)

Mike Lenoci 8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Bluffett: Jimmy Buffett Tribute 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

The Pool Project 8 PM @ First Reserve

Elizabeth Moen feat. Hayden Holbert, Extravision 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Katie Sullivan 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Jordan Danielsen 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Smelly Cat Karaoke 10 PM @ Sandy Hook Tavern (Hazel Green, WI)

#### SAT **2/24**

Elizabeth Mary 1 PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Rock Steady 2 PM @ Burkey's Bar

Steve McIntyre 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

John Mueller's Winter Dance Party 3 & 7 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Casey Klein 3 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up Todd Ellis 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Rocktail 4 PM @ Southend Tap

Keith Scott Blues 5 PM @ Galena Cellars Downtown (Galena, IL)

Joseph John Valenti 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Terry McCauley 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Sam Ness 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Walking Molly 7 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Tiger Kings 7 PM @ Asbury Eagles Club (Asbury, IA)

Karaoke 7 PM @ Galena Blackhawk Aerie (Galena, IL)

Country Night 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Mike Lenoci 8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Sam Selby, Suz Ballout, Dawn Summer 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Katie Sullivan 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails 8 PM @ Red N Deb's (Platteville, WI)

Secrets 8 PM @ Mine Shaft (Mineral Point, WI)

Mojo Busted 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

ARP of the Covenant 9 PM @ The Lift

#### SUN **2/25**

Ozzy & Bon Joe B 1 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Abbey Rode 1 PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Keith Scott 2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA) Sunday Afternoon Jam: Massey Road 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Shannon Woulfe 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Megan Davis 6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

#### TUE **2/27**

Clarke Strings & Ukes 7 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

#### WED **2/28**

Jack Stack 7 PM @ First Reserve

#### THU **2/29**

Trivia Palooza 7 PM @ Grand River Center

Steve McIntyre 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

#### FRI **3/1**

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series: Potosa Strings Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Broken Rubber Band 4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Broad Ideas Opening Reception: Robyn Davis and Ted Williams 5 PM @ Galena Center for the Arts (Galena, IL)

Music @ your library®: The DZ Combo 6 PM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library

John Moran 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Riley Beck 6 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

Gypsy 6 PM @ Darkbird Taphouse (Peosta, IA)

Marques Morel 6 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA)

Clarke Music Day Concert 7 PM @ Clarke University Jansen Music Hall

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Trivia w/ GQ Entertainment 7 PM @ Esther's Lounge We're proud to be named one of the Best Places to Work in Dubuque!







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#### FRI **3/1**

Tim Cavanagh 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

MiniMonster 8 PM @ First Reserve

The Way Down Wanderers, Emma Butterworth 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Ian Gould 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Dicot 9 PM @ The Lift

#### SAT **3/2**

Adam Bartells 1PM @ PJ's Pub (Kieler, WI)

Shannon Woulfe 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Mississippi Band 4 PM @ Knicker's Saloon

Tony Walker 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Massey Road 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill D7 Jazz Combo 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

**Rock Steady** 7 PM @ Southend Tap

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7 PM @ R Place (East DBQ, IL)

Trivia Tournament 7 PM @ Galena Blackhawk Aerie (Galena, IL)

Scott Kirkhart 7 PM @ Off Shore Resort (Bellevue, IA)

Brian Imbus: Mind Heist 7:30 PM @ Bell Tower Theater

The Dave Matthews Tribute Band 8 PM @ Diamond Jo Casino Mississippi Moon Bar

Freedy Johnston, Jason Walsmith 8 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Ian Gould 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Thrall, These Beasts, Big Sloth 9 PM @ The Lift

#### SUN **3/3**

Massev Road 1 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Todd Ellis Music 1PM @ O So Good Winery (Dyersville, IA)

Stout Days: Brittany Sword 2 PM @ River Ridge Brewing (Bellevue, IA)

Sunday Afternoon Jam: Secrets 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Beau Timmerman 3 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Rock Steady 3 PM @ Hilltop at Menominee (Menominee, IL)

Marty Raymond 6 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

#### TUE **3/5**

Pullstring, Skinny and the Shakes 7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

#### WED **3/6**

Celebrating All Abilities Gala: Tapestry

6 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque

#### THU **3/7**

A Night at the Movies 7 PM @ Loras College ACC Ballrooms

Joseph John Valenti 7 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

#### FRI **3/8**

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series: Chuck Bregman Noon @ St. Luke's UMC

Kris Karr 4 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Shannon Woulfe 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Secrets 6 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

Aaron Weber 7 PM @ Comedy Bar

Tiger Kings 7 PM @ Days Inn Spirits Bar & Grill Trivia w/ GQ Entertainment 7 PM @ Esther's Lounge

The Amadans 8 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Tony Walker 8:30 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

#### SAT **3/9**

Lollipops & Music for Our Preschoolers: Tapestry 10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout **Public Library** 

Sarah Day & Jimmy Berg 2 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Joie Wails 3 PM @ Sundown MTN Tips Up

Ace Jones 3 PM @ Millennium Bar & Marina (East DBQ, IL)

Danny McDade 3:30 PM @ Frank O'Dowd's Irish Pub (Galena, IL)

Steve Davis 4 PM @ Champagne on Main (Galena, IL)

Jordan Danielsen 6 PM @ Stone Cliff Winery

Lori Gravel & The Timber City Ramblers 6 PM @ West Delaware High School Hanson Auditorium (Manchester, IA)

Aaron Weber 7 PM @ Comedy Bar

Jacquie Miller Duo 7 PM @ Davs Inn Spirits Bar & Grill

Country Dance Night 7 PM @ Off Shore Event Center (Bellevue, IA)

Dubuque Symphony Orchestra: Evening Seranade 7:30 PM @ Five Flags Theater



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## **Upcoming Entertainment**



## John Mueller's Winter Dance Party

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## The Spazmatics

FEBRUARY 17 @ 8 PM

All the awesome sounds, styles, and way cool dance steps from the 1980s decade we'd love to forget. Outstanding musicianship combined with creative flair and style makes for an evening of pure energy and entertainment.



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FEBRUARY 23 @ 8 PM

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#### **TIM CAVANAGH**

MARCH 1 @ 8 PM

## THE DAVE MATTHEWS TRIBUTE BAND

MARCH 2 @ 8 PM

#### BOBCAT GOLDTHWAIT

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#### **JOSH BLUE**

APRIL 5 @ 8 PM

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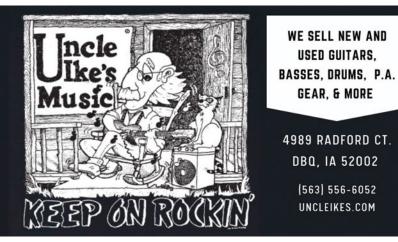
APRIL 27 @ 8 PM

#### **NOT QUITE BROTHERS**

MAY 4 @ 8 PM



Diamond Jo Casino's Mississippi Moon Bar is located at 301 Bell St. in the Port of Dubuque. All shows are 21+. For tickets and more information about the upcoming entertainment, call Diamond Jo Casino at 563-690-4800 or visit Diamond Jo Dubuque.com.







# Ongoing & Recurring Nightlife

#### SUNDAY

Disco Brunch
9 AM @ Convivium Urban
Farmstead
2nd Sun, No event on 5/12

Open Mic w/ Scott Rische 1 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL)

Gladdy Ressler, Jamie Jones, Special Guests 1 PM @ Council Hill Station (Council Hill, IL)

Sunday Afternoon Jam 3 PM @ Northside Bar

Bingo 4 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Open Mic & Sketch Group w/ Addison Aronson 4 PM @ Smokestack Ist Sun

Sunday Night Bingo 8 PM @ Grape Escape (Galena, IL) Through Feb

#### MONDAY

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 6:30 PM @ Round Two (Peosta, IA) 4th Mon

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 6:30 PM @ Textile Brewing Co (Dyersville, IA) Pt & 3rd Mon

Taproom Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 6:30 PM @ The Corner Taproom (Cascade, IA) 2nd Mon

#### TUESDAY

Tarot Tuesday @ 4 PM
Tuesday Night Record Club
w/ DJ Nick Riedman and
DJ Chris Wilson @ 7 PM
Fox Den Motel

Trivia w/Triviawithbrett 7 PM @ Hotel Julien Dubuque Riverboat Lounge

Leo-oke: Live Piano Karaoke 7 PM @ Wicked Dame Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 7:30 PM @ Backpocket DBQ

#### WEDNESDAY

Trivia w/Triviawithbrett 6 PM @ Hy-Vee Locust

Trivia For Dorks 7 PM @ Dimensional Brewing Co

WORDS Open Mic w/ Broz 7 PM @ Esther's Lounge Ist Wed

Free Den Wednesdays 7 PM @ Fox Den Motel

Open Mic 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 7 PM @ Lina's Lounge

The Mixologist DJ AA 7 PM @ The Other Side (East DBQ, IL)

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 8:30 PM @ Denny's Lux Club

#### THURSDAY

Blues Jam @ 6 PM Thirsty Thursday Open Mic @ 8:30 PM Smokestack

Trivia w/Triviawithbrett 6:30 PM @ Hy-Vee Dodge

Rock Star Bingo 7 PM @ 7 Hills Brewing Co

Fingerstyle Guitar & Open Mic w/ Calvin Coohey 7 PM @ First Reserve

Dolph's Vinyl Night w/ Jeff Danna 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar

Music Bingo w/ Think & Drink 8 PM @ Barrel House

Tomato Throw Show 8 PM @ Comedy Bar

Trivia w/ Bob's Trivia 8 PM @ Steve's Pizza (Platteville, WI) When UW-P is in session

Karaoke 9 PM @ Southend Tap

#### FRIDAY

Fabulous Fridays Artists Series Noon @ St. Luke's UMC *Through 3/22*  Dolph's Vinyl Night w/ Jeff Danna 7 PM @ Gary Dolphin's Iron Bar 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri

Karaoke & Live Music w/ Johnny C 7 PM @ Swiss Inn (East DBQ, IL) 2nd Fri

Trivia Night
7 PM @ Maquoketa Brewing
(Maquoketa, IA)

\*\*Fri

Karaoke w/ Becky McMahon 7:30 PM @ Offside Sports Complex 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri

Open Mic Karaoke 8:30 PM @ The Big House (Petersburg, IA)

Karaoke 9 PM @ Southend Tap

Karaoke w/ Dante Steele Entertainment 10 PM @ Baraboo's on Main

#### SATURDAY

L&MOP 10 AM @ Carnegie-Stout Public Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat

Gladdy Ressler, Jamie Jones, Special Guests 1 PM @ Council Hill Station (Council Hill, IL)

Latin Night w/ DJ Papi 9 PM @ Smokestack *Last Sat* 

Karaoke & Live Music w/ Johnny C 9 PM @ Swiss Inn (East DBQ, IL) Last Sat

Karaoke w/ Dante Steele Entertainment 10 PM @ Baraboo's on Main

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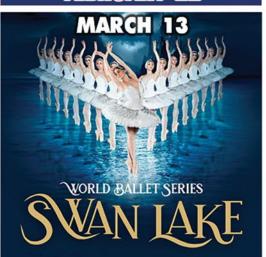
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# Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 @ 2 PM OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER (1215 E PLATT ST, MAQUOKETA, IA)

The Absolutely Country, Definitely Gospel show brings plenty of great music, fun, and talent to the Ohnward Fine Arts Center stage for a special lunch performance. Bring the entire family along for a trip through the genre on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. Whether you are a longtime fan of country and gospel music or are just starting to enjoy the sound, this music show is sure to be a fanfavorite. Featuring the vocals of Faith's Journey, guests will be treated to two decades of country and gospel music.

Experience performances of songs like "Eastern Gate" and "Coal Miner's Daughter," and send your spirits soaring with heart and soul-warming journey through

some of country and gospel music's best. Join Faith's Journey in a truly heart and soul-warming experience in the world of country and gospel music. This is one unforgettable show for country and gospel music fans alike, with heavenly vocals, amazing performances paired with a delicious lunch to enjoy while you watch the show. This show features the piano player for Mickey Gilley, Lee Hendrix.

Absolutely Country Definitely Gospel has won Gospel Show of the Year in 2021, and Lee Hendrix won Keyboard Player of the Year in 2022. This group has performed on stages big and small from your local church to one of America's best theme parks, Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO. This group has been played on radio and TV thru out the US and has had several charting songs.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$28 at the door for adults and \$15 in advance or \$18 at the door for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center box office, by calling **563-652-9815**, or at **OhnwardFineArtsCenter.com**. ■



#### **OPENING DOORS PRESENTS**

### Trivia Palooza

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29 @ 7-9 PM GRAND RIVER CENTER (500 BELL ST) May the luck of the Irish be with you at Trivia Palooza, Opening Doors' trivia night happening on Thursday, Feb. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grand River Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Teams of up to 10 players will compete for cash prizes with 10 rounds of trivia questions (wide variety of topics). Andy Schroeder will host the evening,

and Jonathan and Jennifer McCoy will develop and oversee the trivia questions.

When he's not hosting one of many area nonprofit fundraising events in our community, Andy Schroeder is a Vice President of Prenger Solutions Group. Andy serves on Opening Door's board of directors and their Development & Marketing Committee.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$225 for a team of 10 (includes a \$25 donation to Opening Doors). Full bar and concessions will be available for purchase. For more information and for tickets, visit **OpeningDoorsDBQ.org/trivia.** 



# LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES

#### FRI **2/16**



The Swampland Jewels

9 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL) COVER: FREE

Celebrate Mardi Gras! The Swampland Jewels formed in 2021 in an effort to bring gulf coast classics and originals to the area. Playing a mix or original, Gulf Coast oldies, traditional Cajun/Creole, and TexMex tunes, The Swampland Jewels are sure to get you on your feet. If you aren't a fan of the accordion, you will be after catching this set! In 2023, they headlined the Des Moines Cajun Fest and were awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to complete their debut album, which will be released in spring 2024. The Swampland Jewels consist of five veteran Iowa City area musicians: Nate Basinger, Forrest Huesinkveld, Eddie McKinley, Randall Davis, and Marty Christensen. facebook.com/TheLiftDubuque.

#### SAT **2/17**



Anthony Bonazzo

8 PM @ THE COMEDY BAR (333 E  $10^{\text{TH}}$ ST) TICKETS: \$22 GA, \$25 VIP

Anthony Bonazzo is a stand up comedian living in Chicago. Originally a New Jersey native, and one of eight kids, he began his pursuit of comedy doing imitations of family members at the dinner table. He has starred in videos for *The Onion*, performed in the Breakout Comedy Festival at Second City, and was a semi-finalist

in StandUp NBC. He recently opened for Vir Das and Adam Carolla at Park West Theater and Michael Che at the Riviera Theater. **ComedyBar.com**.

#### SUN 2/18



## Sea Shanty Sunday w/ Andreas Transo

6 PM @ FRANK O'DOWD'S IRISH PUB (9853 US HWY 20, GALENA, IL) COVER: FREE

Join historian and musician Andreas Transo as he takes on the role of "Shanty Man" and leads popular sea shanties and work songs from around the world. This promises to be a festive way to learn about history with songs of the river boat workers, sailors, lead miners, lumberjacks, soldiers, and more. Songbooks will be provided.

The Irish Cottage Boutique Hotel.com.

#### FRI 2/23



**Eric Richards Duo** 

6 PM @ THE OTHER SIDE (68 SINSINAWA AVE, EAST DUBUQUE, IL) COVER: FREE

Eric is a Midwest singer-songwriter who puts his spin on a mix of country, pop, and originals. Accompanying him is Kurt on bass and harmonies, but he is an amazing artist in his own right. Each have 20-plus years of performing old and new favorites around Eastern lowa. facebook.com/OSINEAST.



Elizabeth Moen feat. Hayden Holbert w/ Extravision

8 PM @ FOX DEN MOTEL (920 MAIN ST) COVER: \$15

Chicago's Elizabeth Moen is show-casing her songs in their truest form again. Stripped down and raw as ever, Moen and guitarist Hayden Holbert are bringing an honest and exciting batch of new songs, classics, and fan favorites to the Fox Den Motel. Kristina has been a fan of Moen's for a number of years and highly suggests you check this show out. Extravision opens. FoxDenMotel.com.

#### SAT 2/24



Sam Ness 7 PM @ GARY DOLPHIN'S IRON BAR (333 E 10<sup>TH</sup>ST)

COVER: FREE

Mixing traditional folk-Americana roots with a new-age, alternative, singer-songwriter feel, Sam Ness finds inspiration in the ancient cobblestone streets across the globe. His percussive playing paired with an assortment of special effects including a loop system, have built a sound larger than most full bands. Wisconsin male vocalist and guitar player of the year. **GaryDolphins.com**.



Rocktail

4 PM @ SOUTHEND TAP (55 LOCUST ST) COVER: FREE

Starting out as 4<sup>th</sup> & 20 Band, guitarist Mark Page, bassist and vocalist Ryan Arling, and drummer Steve Klauer recruited singer Gretchen at the end of 2022 and changed the name to Rocktail. Expect explosive classic rock from the '70s, '80s, and '90s from AC/DC, Pat Benatar, The Cranberries, and ZZ Top even with a twist of Pink Floyd somewhere in between. facebook.com/TheSouthendTap.

#### SAT 3/2



Thrall, These Beasts, Big Sloth 9 PM @ THE LIFT (180 MAIN ST, LOWER LEVEL) COVER: \$20

Thrall's (Ex God Bullies and Hand Over Head) heavy rock n rollers with the proselytizing front man Mike Hard make their way back to The Lift one more time before recording their fourth full-length LP at Chicago's Electrical Audio. This time, These Beasts from Chicago join them and Big Sloth. facebook.com/TheLiftDubuque.

#### SUN 3/3



**Brittany Sword** 

2 PM @ RIVER RIDGE BREWING
(303 S RIVERVIEW ST, BELLEVUE, IA)
Brittany Sword writes songs on the deeper subjects of life. Pairing her rhythmic guitar style playing, powerful vocals, and positive personality, Brittany creates an upbeat and enchanting concert experience you won't want to miss. Her style evokes a classic blues rock feel with delicate yet powerful and acrobatic vocals to create something new yet familiar.

facebook.com/RiverRidgeBrewing.



# Brian Imbus: Mind Heist

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 @ 7:30 PM BELL TOWER THEATER (2728 ASBURY RD) Brian Imbus returns to the Bell Tower Theater on Saturday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. with a brand new show where illusion blurs reality.

Witness astonishing feats of mind reading, telepathy, and psychological illusions that challenge conventional notions of possibility. Prepare to delve into the depths of the human mind as Brian astounds with uncanny abilities to influence thoughts, predict decisions, and create an unforgettable journey into the mysteries of the psyche. Get ready for an evening that defies explanation and leaves you questioning the boundaries of extraordinary.

Tickets are \$29. For more information and to purchase tickets, call **563-588-3377** or visit **BellTowerTheater.net.** ■



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BACON BURGER WITH CLAM STRIPS

# **Dubuque Mining Co.**

By Rich Belmont and Bryce Parks

With the monster cover story, we thought it only appropriate to revisit the Dubuque Mining Co. for this issue's dining column. Our dear late friend Rich Belmont wrote about the Dubuque staple in a June 2012 feature in 365ink Magazine, and you know what? Almost nothing has changed in 12 years. And you know what else? I think that's exactly what Dubuguers want. They love this place just like it is and have no desire to see it be different. So, with but a couple of tiny updates, let's take a trip back in time and at the same time, a modern trip across town to hear Rich remind us why the Mining Company is such a landmark dining destination in our community. —Bryce Parks

For lifelong Dubuquers, the Dubuque Mining Co. is to burgers as Happy Joe's is to pizza. In April 1974, Steve Ankeny opened the Mining Company as a nightclub inside the Kennedy Mall. It was a rocking place with a bandstand and dance floor complete with a disco mirror ball. Then in 1977, he began serving food, and the rest as we say is history. It didn't take long for the local citizenry to discover this was a fabulous place to enjoy good burgers, salads, sandwiches, and even Mexican specialties.

Cindy Oliver began working at the Dubuque Mining Co. in 1979. Within a short time, she was managing it, and a few years later, she purchased the restaurant, developing hundreds of regular customers who kept coming back week after week to enjoy the atmosphere and consistently satisfying meals. Cindy made a promise to those regulars that she would ensure the restaurant

would continue its traditions for future generations. She eventually offered one of her trusted and knowledgeable employees, Guy Parkin, the opportunity to become a partner. Guy had also been with the restaurant off and on since 1987. He became General Manager in 2001 and a partner soon after. In January 2018, Guy bought out Cindy but has kept up the traditions, service, and expectations that locals have come to expect from the storied dining institution.

Today, Guy and his crew continue to serve some of Dubuque's best-loved burgers. There are 16 different third-pounders on the menu! The Combination is the one that made the Mining Co. famous. It comes with your choice of cheese plus sliced mushrooms and bacon. Oh, that's one change in 12 years. They used to feature Canadian bacon instead of bacon in all applications, but they have since switched to bacon. Bryce approves. His friend Neil would always choose the Canadian option. All the burgers are big sellers but some of the most popular are the Polynesian Burger with chopped pineapple, bacon, and sweet and sour sauce; the L.T.O. topped with lettuce, tomato, and onion: and the Western Bacon Cheddar Pepper Burger piled high with jalapeño peppers, cheddar cheese, BBQ sauce, fried onion rings, and bacon. A rather unusual one is the Kinda Reuben because it comes with Swiss cheese, bacon, sauerkraut, and Thousand Island dressing. Then there is my favorite, the olive burger which is called the International here. This one is stuffed with chopped green olives and Swiss cheese. The locals hold these burgers in high esteem. They have received Best Fest's Best Burger award countless times. In fact, in keeping with tradition, Guy continues to keep track of the running total of burgers sold since the restaurant's opening day. The current number as of this writing (2012) was 2,173,963 burgers! As of Feb. 9, 2024, they're at 2,957,359.

Of course, there is a full menu of delectable sandwiches, dinner entrées, and



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Mexican specialties. For starters, the Nitro Wings have a very tasty breading and hot pepper sauce and are crispy fried just the way I like them. It's hard to decide what appetizers to order. The Breaded Cheddar Crisps are real cheese curds, the onion rings are sweet, and the nachos are covered with a top-quality cheddar cheese sauce and spinach and artichoke dip.

On a recent visit, my dining partners couldn't choose from such an assortment, so our very friendly and helpful waitress suggested the Mother Lode. This was a delicious basket of eggrolls, chicken strips, cheddar crisps, and onion rings. But Bryce has a special love for the clam strips which you can add to a burger instead of fries for \$6.

On to the specialties... we enjoyed the beef and bean deep-fried chimichanga, the grilled Chicken Polynesian sandwich with chopped pineapple and sweet and sour sauce, the beer battered cod which came with four big pieces of fish, and the fried pork tenderloin sandwich. This last one is listed on the menu as "ginormous," and it is! There is no way this huge pork patty is going to fit on a bun, and the tomato and onion slices compliment the flavor of the tenderloin just right. All of the sandwiches are served with shoestring cut french fries and a dill pickle.

The dinner menu is rounded out nicely with chicken strips, shrimp, house-seasoned sirloin steaks cooked on a flat-top grill, and clam strips as a meal. On a busy day, the restaurant puts out more than 500 meals, a phenomenal number considering how tiny the kitchen is! The Dubuque Mining Co. is a true eatery and drinkery. We kind of skipped over it, but there are a few fresh salads to choose from as well as some low-carb dinners which might be good choices for gluten-sensitive eaters, though there is a shared fryer and prep space. They also have a kids' menu.

There is a nightly cocktail hour that is actually two hours from 9 to 11 pm. There

are a dozen specialty drinks, and they are served in one-quart fruit jars. Some of the most popular are the Blue Lantern containing rum, gin, vodka, Blue Curacao, sweet and sour, and two mixers; the Cave In with gin, vodka, rum, orange juice, and six mixers; the Muley Mary consisting of freshly made Bloody Mary mix derived from a secret recipe and served with a kick of beer and a dill pickle spear; and the Mining Co's own version of a Long Island Iced Tea. This one has the traditional four liquors of vodka, tequila, rum, and gin plus a few other secret ingredients. This drink carried the distinction of being voted Best Long Island Iced Tea in Dubuque for many years.

I often wondered why this establishment is always so busy on weekdays, and now that I have checked it out, I know why: It's because of the daily specials!

On Mondays, all Mexican food is \$1 off, and all margaritas are \$5.50. You get a free 12 oz. draft beer or soft drink with the purchase of any sandwich or dinner on Tuesday. All bottle or 12 oz. tap beers are only \$3.50 on Wednesday. On Thursday, you can order any of the specialty quart jar drinks for just \$7, and come in on Friday for the after-work party when appetizers (excludes wings and the Mother Load) and happy hour priced cocktails are offered from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for \$7 each. They also have happy hour prices on Bud, Bud Light, and Miller Lite during all Hawkeye games.

Daily specials notwithstanding, any time is a good time to visit the Dubuque Mining Co. The staff is only too happy to rearrange tables to accommodate any size party. And "party" is the word of the day! And hey, there's a \$1 off coupon on their website!

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# **Seed Swap & Giveaway**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1-2 P.M.** 

This event is free and open to the public. Attendees may select five seed packets per household, with an additional two packets available for children under the age of 12. Anyone who comes with seeds to swap may get up to 10 packets for a 1-for-1 swap. Available while supplies last.

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# Let Us Descend

#### By John McAndrew

There is a downside to classic books: People think they are for the elite, for students in AP classes or doctoral programs. Not for everyday folks. Sometimes the length of classic books makes them more intimidating. This is a shame because some of them are easy, quick reading. *The Count of Monte Cristo* is a 1,000-plus page story that leaves you wishing it was longer.

The same is true of genre books. If you pass on *The Color Purple, The Fire Next Time*, or *Tales of the City* because you aren't gay or black, you'd be missing great books that you can relate to simply because you're human. If the world maddens and puzzles you, getting another person's perspective often helps.

And so we come to Jesmyn Ward, whose newest book, *Let Us Descend*, I picked up for Black History Month. Ward has already won the National Book Award (twice), the Library of Congress Prize for American Fiction, and a MacArthur Fellowship. She also edited the *Best American Short Stories* collection in 2021.

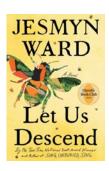
This is a mighty work, friends. The language is one of the main appeals but its cadence takes a bit of getting used to. If your family is full of lore about your grandparents' experience of slavery, Jim Crow, and the Civil Rights era, this style may be familiar and comforting. Like going to Catholic mass and slipping into the calland-response of the liturgy. This would be a wonderful audiobook; the author has a "Tupelo honey" accent to enhance the text.

The story is about a young woman named Annis. She was born enslaved in the Carolinas. Her mother was the daughter of a warrior abducted from Africa. Grandmother Aza taught her daughter the use of a warrior's staff and spear. She passes that skill down to Annis—along with a long ivory needle which she brought from Africa, hidden in her hair.

Let Us Descend is a hero's journey.
Annis is of mixed parentage. It is her father—or, as Ward mostly refers to him, her sire—who sells her when she displeases him. It is her sire who separates her from her mother. Annis finds helpers and friends along the long, arduous march. Especially influential is Aza—who took her name and likeness from Annis's grandmother. She is a spirit being who Ward treats as any other character, much as Dante treated Virgil, his guide into Hell. (Ward's title, Let Us Descend, comes from Dante's Inferno.) Like

Jacob wrestling an angel, is Annis wrestling with her spirit guide. And Annis's journey is certainly hellish.

But the language: It's beautiful. It's prose, but it acts on the reader like



poetry. Most prose is like a photo; the faces, landscapes, and other elements are clear and unambiguous. Ward's prose is like impressionism. As paintings by Monet and Pissarro are not photorealistic, Ward's writing is not journalistic. Yet by some alchemy of the artist, you grok not just the appearance but the feel and import of what you're seeing. Let it wash over you.

"I want. I want to grow my hair long, to find food and feed myself without hiding, to sit in the sunlight and scratch the worry out my scalp, to breathe without fear and terror choking me, to choose my seconds, to choose my minutes, to choose my days. I done suffered enough. Aza wavers next to me, pin fine and shimmering wet."

Annis experiences what seems like enlightenment on the banks of a river. A mystical union with nature, as if she shares consciousness with the earth, the water, and the air. Enlightenment now is sought in serenity: cushion, quiet, climate control. What would it be like to have enlightenment thrust upon you in the wide eyed rush of crisis? Perhaps enlightenment, or the culmination of a hero's journey, is best found in the storm. Wisdom and art so often arise from suffering, grief, and turmoil. It's a wonder we think they can be found anywhere else.

You're going to want to explore Ward's previous work. You may want to read Let Us Descend more than once. Like a complex movie, it promises to reveal more on a second or third exposure. There are echoes here of Jonah, of being born again, of the concept of hungry ghosts, and probably more echoes of the Inferno than I picked up on. Toni Morrison said, "Freeing yourself was one thing; claiming ownership of that freed self was another." If you're looking to free yourself, from anything, Jesmyn Ward and Annis are caring and trustworthy guides. But don't expect them to tell you it will be easy.

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# Picking Apart Protein with your Hy-Vee Dietitian

#### By Hy-Vee Nutritionist Megan Dalsing

Have you ever noticed feeling different throughout the day based on what you ate for breakfast? More specifically, based on whether your breakfast contained a significant source of protein? It turns out protein can play an influential role in hunger and cravings and is important to prioritize not only at breakfast but at meals and snacks throughout the day to support weight management goals and an overall healthy lifestyle.

Why is protein all the rage? Protein is one of three essential macronutrients. Every cell in the body contains protein. Your body uses protein to repair cells, to make new cells, and for growth and development. There is research to support the idea that our bodies will continue to feel hungry until we eat enough protein in a day even after we have eaten enough calories for the day. The trouble is we don't always listen to our hunger and satiety cues—nor do we necessarily crave something high in protein. We just feel hungry and often seek out the closest snack—typically high in starch or sugar unless we have a plan. It is easy to see how this cycle could contribute to overeating, hunger, and cravings until enough protein has been consumed.

To stop this cycle in its tracks, use science in your favor and aim to include a source of protein at breakfast and at meals and snacks throughout the day. A very general recommendation is to aim for around 30 grams of protein at breakfast and at meals—though exact protein needs will vary from person to person. One way to estimate this amount of protein is to fill a quarter of your plate with

protein foods at each meal. This should be similar to the size of your palm or slightly larger than a deck of cards. For snacks, try combining protein with fiber such as nut butter (protein) and apple slices (fiber) or a hard-boiled egg (protein) and veggies or a piece of fruit (fiber).

You can get protein both from animal sources and from plant-based sources. Meat such as beef, pork, poultry, and fish will have about 7 grams of protein per ounce. Eggs have around 6–8 grams of protein each. A 6-ounce serving of Greek yogurt has around 15 grams of protein. Half a cup of cooked beans has around 7 grams of protein. An ounce of nuts has around 3–7 grams of protein per ounce. Protein shakes will vary but often contain around 15–30 grams of protein per serving.

Your Hy-Vee dietitian can help review your current intake and make recommendations based on your individual needs. If you are ready to get started on your health and wellness journey, schedule a complimentary Discovery Session today by contacting our Discovery Call Center via email nutritionservices@hy-vee.com or calling 515-695-3121.

I highly recommend trying this recipe for Ahi Tuna Burger Wraps with 34 grams of protein per serving to help start reaching your daily protein goals!

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#### **Ahi Tuna Burger Wraps**

SERVES 4 (2 WRAPS EACH)

#### All You Need:

- 2 Hy-Vee large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1lb Fish Market skinless yellowfin ahi tuna steaks, finely chopped
- 1 cup Hy-Vee plain panko bread crumbs
- ½ cup chopped red bell pepper
- ¼ cup chopped green onions
- 3 tbsp Hy-Vee Select Sriracha Mayo Sandwich Spread, plus additional for serving
- 1 tbsp refrigerated ginger paste
- 4 tbsp Gustare Vita olive oil, divided
- 16 butterhead lettuce leaves
- 8 (¼-inch-thick) slices Hy-Vee Short Cuts cored pineapple
- ½ cucumber, thinly sliced
- 3 large red radishes, thinly sliced
- ¼ small red onion, thinly sliced

#### All You Do:

- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Stir together eggs, tuna, bread crumbs, bell pepper, green onions, 3 tablespoons Sriracha spread and ginger paste in a medium bowl until well combined.
- 2. Form mixture into 8 (1-inch-thick) patties, using about 1/3 cup for each. Place on prepared baking sheet; cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- 3. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large nonstick skillet. Cook 4 patties over medium-high heat for 2 to 4 minutes or until burgers reach 165 degrees and are lightly browned, turning halfway through. Repeat cooking remaining 4 patties with remaining 2 tablespoons of oil.
- 4. To serve, layer 2 lettuce leaves together and top with 1 pineapple slice; place a burger on top. Repeat with remaining lettuce leaves, pineapple slices and burgers. Top burgers with Sriracha spread, cucumber, radishes and red onion. Serve with additional Sriracha spread, if desired.

Recipe source: hy-vee.com









### **Coming Soon**

#### BOB MARLEY: ONE LOVE (PG-13)

NOW PLAYING
Celebrate the life and music of an icon who inspired generations through his message of love and unity. On

the big screen for the first time, discover Bob's powerful story of overcoming adversity and the journey behind his revolutionary music.

#### MADAME WEB (PG-13)

NOW PLAYING

In a switch from the typical genre, *Madame Web* tells the standalone origin story of one of Marvel publishing's most enigmatic heroines. The

suspense-driven thriller stars Dakota Johnson as Cassandra Webb, a paramedic in Manhattan who develops the power to see the future... and realizes she can use that insight to change it. Forced to confront revelations about her past, she forges a relationship with three young women bound for powerful destinies... if they can all survive a deadly present.

## DRIVE-AWAY DOLLS (R)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Written by Ethan Coen and
Tricia Cooke and directed by
Coen, this comedy caper follows

Jamie, a free spirit bemoaning yet another breakup with a girlfriend, and her demure friend Marian who desperately needs to loosen up. In search of a fresh start, the two embark on an impromptu road trip to Tallahassee, but things quickly go awry when they cross paths with a group of inept criminals along the way.

#### ORDINARY ANGELS (PG)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Based on a remarkable true story, Sharon Steves (Hilary Swank) is a fierce but struggling hairdresser in small-town

Kentucky who discovers a renewed sense of purpose when she meets Ed Schmitt (Alan Ritchson), a widower working hard to make ends meet for his two daughters. With his youngest daughter waiting for a liver transplant, Sharon sets her mind to helping the family and will move mountains to do it. What unfolds is the inspiring tale of faith, everyday miracles, and ordinary angels.

### **Movie Buzz**

Trailers are hitting for *The Fall Guy*, an action thriller from *Bullet Train* and *Deadpool 2* director David Leitch.



It's based on the 1980s TV show of the same name that ran on ABC for five seasons and starred Lee Majors. Bryce loved this show as a kid, but revisiting as an adult proved that it did not age well. It was... terrible. Hopefully the movie version is far better. Ryan Gosling stars as a stuntman who is forced to find a missing movie star, investigate a conspiracy, and repair his relationship with the love of his life. It hits theaters May 3.

Kingsman director Matthew Vaughn addresses why the trilogy-capper is taking such a long



time. Kingsman: The Blue Blood is technically slated to be the fourth installment of the Kingsman film franchise, taking place after the events of the second film, The Golden Circle. There was also a prequal called King's Man. The main problem now seems to be star Taron Egerton's busy schedule at the moment with a TV show. So, look for shooting to happen next year and a 2026 release.

Better Call Saul's Bob Odenkirk has signed on to star in Normal following his great role in 2021's Nobody. That



movie has had a sequel greenlit, though production has been delayed from its planned 2023 date. So instead, he's re-teaming with *Nobody* screenwriter Derek Kolstad for *Normal*, an action movie to be directed by *Meg 2*'s Ben Wheatley. Odenkirk will play stand-in sheriff Ulysses, who accidentally uncovers a vast, wide-ranging conspiracy in the town of Normal when thieves arrive.

Disney's latest cash grabs come in the form of some more unnecessary seguels. In a surprise



announcement, Disney CEO Bob Iger confirms *Moana 2* is on the way, and it'll arrive this year on Nov. 27. This puts the live-action *Moana*'s production schedule on hold. The Rock's return is not confirmed, but we know Lin-Manual Miranda will not be doing the music. They also just announced *Toy Story 5* (2026), *Frozen 4* (*Frozen 3* doesn't even come out until 2026), and *Zootopia 2*.





# The Rhythm of Conversation

#### By Matt Booth

Imagine a grand ballroom with a sprawling dance floor illuminated by the glow of a dazzling, spinning disco ball suspended from the ceiling. Picture yourself at one end and the person you've been eager to chat with at the other. Can you feel the vast space between you?

Now, let's tune into the music. Think of your interactions as sharing a dance with someone. It's about syncing up emotionally and inviting them for a verbal dance. Let's create a moment together on this grand stage of communication. The key to truly connecting? Listening to the rhythm of the conversation.

Before I consider bursting into our 14-year-old son Carter's room while he's gaming, I realize the need to understand the "music" of Carter's world. His tune likely blends a quest for independence, exploring interests, and forging social connections through gaming.

Instead of yelling, a better approach might be to ask him about his favorite games and show genuine interest in his world. This method changes the "music" from what could be perceived as nagging to a tune of curiosity and care, setting a positive tone for the dialogue.

As Carter shares, I listen actively, acknowledging the fun and importance of gaming in his life, while also discussing

balance and responsibilities. The "music" of the conversation becomes a collaborative discussion rather than a one-sided lecture. Together, we can brainstorm ideas for a schedule that accommodates ample time for gaming, ensuring homework and other obligations are prioritized. This conversation feels like a dance where both parties are moving in sync, taking steps that complement each other.

By initiating the conversation from a place of understanding and openness, you create an environment where constructive dialogue can flourish. The key is to listen to their "music" and adjust your "dance steps" accordingly, fostering a positive and productive exchange that respects both parties' needs and concerns.

This rhythm, this music of dialogue, brings our stories to life. To connect, listen to the environment and the vibe of the moment. Before leaping into the conversation, first sense the genre of the music playing. Is it a tune you can jive

to, or does it call for a different kind of energy? If your soundtrack leans towards Frank Sinatra and theirs towards Metallica, you're in for a challenging dance.

Understanding the mood before you speak transforms your approach to conversations, enhancing your communication skills. It's about taking responsibility for the success of the exchange. Only then can you truly make the right moves. Be adaptable, shifting your approach to match the current vibe, ready for the music to change at any moment.

Consider the day's rhythm of those close to you—their mood, their tempo—before diving into dialogue. Feel out the atmosphere. Is it charged with energy or cool and mellow? Are you engaging with a soul ready to celebrate, or someone who needs a moment of recognition? Engage in this verbal dance, meeting them where they are, sharing a moment under the disco light of dialogue.

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By Dave Green

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#### WHERE'S GENERAL BOB?

General Bob is out and about. Do you know where he's at?



#### PREMIER Crossword

#### **MECHANICS** OF SOLVING ACROSS

- 1 Has a snooze 5 Workout unit 8 Anti-DUI ad, maybe
- 11 "The Maltese
- Falcon" hero 19 Conical-bore woodwind 20 Log chopper
- 21 Possess 22 Former airline to
- Rome 23 Composer of the
- 26 Squirrel-sized

- reduce
  31 Pressure-reducing

- 35 German city 36 Ordinal suffix
- Cates
- 47 Edison's phonograph medium

- 58 Cleans up, as code
- 62 Director Preminger63 Heater along the bottom
- of a wall

- 75 Bracing wear for a bodybuilder
- 81 Dog in "The Thin Man" 85 "Little" actress Rae
- 86 Mrs. with a famous cow 87 "500" auto race
- 88 Hone
- 90 William of "Hopalong Cassidy"
  91 Its cap. is Buenos Aires
- 93 Levy94 Video surveillance device,
- briefly 97 Of (somewhat) 99 Bit of skin art

- 100 Timid 101 Cable TV channel for buying goods 103 Flee to wed

- 121 Where nine key words in this puzzle can be found

- 1938 ballet "The Incredible Flutist"

- 26 Squirrel-sized monkeys 27 Super-cold 28 Podded plant 29 What a dieter may
- elastic stockings
  34 Mork's home planet

- 37 Yvette's "yes" 38 "Gremlins" actress
- 44 Folk great Bob
- 49 Writer Rand
- 52 Prefix with treat or
- trust
- 53 Bird bill 55 Booting out 56 Horn honk
- 60 Hit PC game of the 1990s
- 67 Houston ballplayer
- 68 Ending for Gator 69 CIO partner 70 Greek vowels

- 107 "I solved it!"
  108 Type of needle-free syringe
  111 ThinkPad power source, e.g.
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- 120 Zesty potato chip go-with

- or Nobel 125 LA-to-MI dir.
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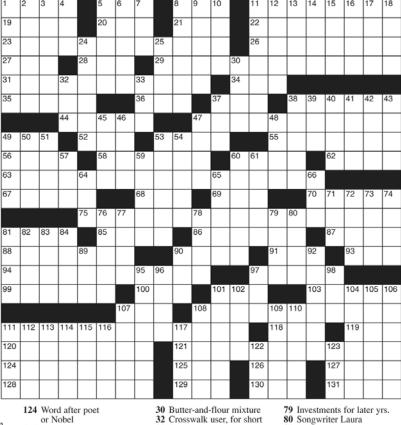
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NOT EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND

# Other People's Houses

#### By Pam Kress-Dunn

Oddly enough, one of my favorite parts of the Sunday *New York Times* is the Business section, especially the final page. There you will find a house price—say, \$500,000—and what kind of house you can get for that price in three American cities. Last Sunday, I considered three properties for sale—in Keswick, VA; Nantucket, MA; and Hinsdale, IL—each on the market for a cool \$10 million.

The fancier the address, the less house you get, by which I mean not just square footage but number of beds and baths. If you're lucky, the million bucks you might pay for a manse in Dubuque would get you a one-bedroom walkup in Manhattan. In Keswick, you could have five beds and baths, and in Hinsdale, eight bedrooms and nearly that many full baths. But either zip code is pricey, and you wouldn't believe the taxes.

Go ahead and roll your eyes. Who needs eight bedrooms? The thing is, I slept in a bedroom in Hinsdale, IL, maybe in the very house in the paper. It belonged to my college roommate, or rather, her insurance executive father. I had no idea how tiny this Chicago suburb was.

I'd been in the houses of a lot of friends by then, all of them pretty much the same. Growing up in a new neighborhood in Davenport, all the houses were newish, most of them ranches with one floor, a basement, and an attached garage. What I cared about was my friends' rooms—their toys, their posters, their cool board games.

It's not that I was beyond envy. Kathy had a sprawling ranch whose basement was not only large, but finished. My basement was divided into rooms—main room, laundry room, sewing room, half-bath—by yellow-painted cinder block walls. Dad built an impressive bar down there, and my folks held parties, even renting a jukebox for their silver wedding anniversary. I hosted birthday sleepovers where half a dozen friends slept on the cement floor, cushioned by Mom's hand-quilted comforters.

Leslie lived in the neighborhood's only duplex, with her grandma in the other side. Jennee's house was huge, big enough to accommodate her nine brothers and sisters, while Joette lived a mile away in a split level, an architectural wonder I sometimes wished for. None of my friends' houses were showplaces; none were professionally styled or held even one original work of art. I might have envied a canopy bed or a cozy TV room, but not much else.

It wasn't until college, where I dated a guy from New York, that I got a crash course in the way the one-percent lived. We drove cross-country until Jon announced, "This is where my father's property begins." Who says that? I was completely unprepared for this threestory—or was it four?—mansion in the hills of Westchester County. After showing me to my room, his mother apologized that the cook had recently left, so we'd have to make do with her cooking.

His father, an attorney, worked on the 104<sup>th</sup> floor of the World Trade Center. Of course he did.

Would Jon have married me? I doubt it, especially after his disparaging remarks about my own parents' ordinary house. By now, he's been through two wives. Poor things.

As for my roommate's house in Hinsdale, I simply failed to be properly impressed. I'd learned early on, in our time as first-year roommates, that she was a snob, as when I foolishly read a letter she left open that commented on my "socalled stereo," and how glad she'd be when her folks brought her Bose, or whatever it was. Let this be a lesson to you: don't read other people's mail. That smarted for years, until I finally outgrew caring about what she had or how much it cost.

She might have been insulted if I called her parents "folks," but that's who I come from. My mom's Ma and Pa grew up on farms in rural lowa, and their house in Davenport was the very picture of humble. Smoke from the coal furnace had to be washed off the walls every spring. It was small, with a steep upstairs that was really an attic, packed with tiny rooms where the four kids slept. Grandpa had a little black-and-white TV to watch his baseball games, and Grandma sometimes took over the living room with her quilting frame. Their large yard was filled with beds for vegetables and flowers.

I suppose my dad's parents were rich; Grandpa owned Kress Tent and Awning, and their house, on a hill in East Davenport, was rather grand. In fact, it sits just next to "the rich part of town," as we called McClellan Heights. A few years after I moved back to lowa, I took a drive around that fancy neighborhood, up and down its hills and past one enormous house after another. These are not McMansions, but the real thing, all of them surrounded by luxuriant landscaping. I kept thinking of the Great Gatsby. I was impressed, I guess, but taken aback by one thing: the noise was deafening. It was summer, and the hired help were all running leaf blowers and electric hedge clippers.

When I need a book to read while I have my morning tea, it's often a 10-pound coffee-table tome from the library featuring what *The Simpsons* dubbed "Better Homes Than Yours." They're amazing, sometimes laughably so. As for me, I'll take the three-bedroom ranch on Cedar Street, where Dad mowed his own grass and raked his own leaves, and Mom hung her own wash on the line. A 1913 Colonial Revival in Hinsdale for \$9.999 million? I'll pass.

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#### **DEAR ANGELA,**

I've been getting into birding lately, and it's been really fun. I've been putting out food and seeing the variety of birds that come to my front porch! It's strange that just a few years ago I would have made fun of myself for enjoying this! It did make me wonder, does this mean I'm getting old?

—Oldie on Ogilby

#### DEAR OLDIE,

Yes, it certainly does! Join the club! Soon you'll start yelling about the volume of music in restaurants, yelling at people driving too fast in front of your house, and well, just yelling more in general. Look, you do you. Everyone, with the exception of Benjamin Button and that one millionaire who is doing all kinds of creepy stuff to "reverse his age," grows old, and with that comes the exciting realization that things like birds can actually be cool. I will caution you about the birds though: If you see any suspicious pigeons that seem to be more interested in you than you are in it, it's probably a spy.

#### DEAR ANGELA,

I've got a crush on someone I know, and I think that maybe the feelings might be returned. We are friends and work together, so I'll be really embarrassed if I play my cards and share my feelings. I'm afraid I'll look like a fool if it's not reciprocated. Do you have any subtle ways I can say "I like you"?

—Infatuated on Inwood

#### DEAR INFATUATED,

Aww, young love, or middle aged, or old love. I suppose we can crush at any age, right? I usually recommend that if someone has feelings they should stare intently at their crush without blinking until they ask, "Do you have a problem with me?" which is a wonderful opening to declare your love. But you specifically asked what you can do to initiate the conversation, so I've brainstormed a couple options. Deliver a letter with the following note: "Do you like me? No worries if not!" You could craft a secret message and post it in the break room at work. It may have a less than 50% chance of being deciphered because we know nobody reads those announcements, but it lessens the chances of being rejected Or, recruiting friends to drop hints is subtle. This tactic can be tricky because you run the risk of accidentally setting up your best friend with your crush. No matter what, do not bare your heart and express your feelings face to face.

#### DEAR ANGELA,

I want a new bathroom vanity and sink. It's showing its age, and I don't love the way it looks. My husband says no because we need to focus on replacing the flooring in our house, and that takes priority. How can I help convince him to see my side of things? —Blanda on Blanch Ave

#### DEAR BLANDA,

Ugh, look, I know it's February, there hasn't been a ton of sunshine lately, and the doldrums are really setting in. but there is no way I can answer this question. I'm here to provide awesome advice. If I even try to respond to a problem this banal, I am afraid I'll fall asleep. Besides, I'm busy watching Suits on Netflix. Now those are some problems. I mean, will Mike ever get out from under the metaphorical cloud that... ope! Better not spoil it for you. Go watch the show, then bring me some problems like they have at the law firm of Pearson Hardman. Then we'll talk. Best of luck picking out flooring and/or a vanity!

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# BECAUSE SPACE SAYS SO.

### By Danny Fairchild, Friend to the Cosmos

**ARIES** (APR 19-MAY 13) Writing your memoir from prison might seem unfortunate. But it has its prose and cons.



a bad thing. It just usually is. **GEMINI** 

(JUNE 20-JULY 20) Causing a cave-in might seem like a big deal, but it's a miner offense.

**CANCER** (JULY 21-AUG 9) It's time to level up your career. Try grinding for gold and experience by taking lots of low-level assignments and griefing the new hires.

**LEO** (AUG 10-SEP 15) In case you didn't realize it, the reason corn mazes are so clever is because another word for corn is "maize."

**VIRGO** (SEP 16-OCT 30) Now's the time to mix things up. I suggest two ounces of gin, one ounce of dry vermouth, and a few dashes of orange bitters. Unless it screws with your

sobriety, of course. Then don't.

**LIBRA** (OCT 31-NOV 22) If you find yourself losing your hair, it's because you simply have too much on your plait.

**SCORPIO** 

(NOV 23-NOV 29) Now's the time to shake things up. Unless you're holding a baby, of course.

**OPHIUCHUS** (NOV 30-DEC 17) You'll do well to focus on what's immediately happening around you. Take right now, for instants.

**SAGITTARIUS** (DEC 18-JAN 8)

There's a difference

between praying on the difficulties of the poor, and preying on the difficulties of the poor. Unfortunately, one is much more effective than the other.

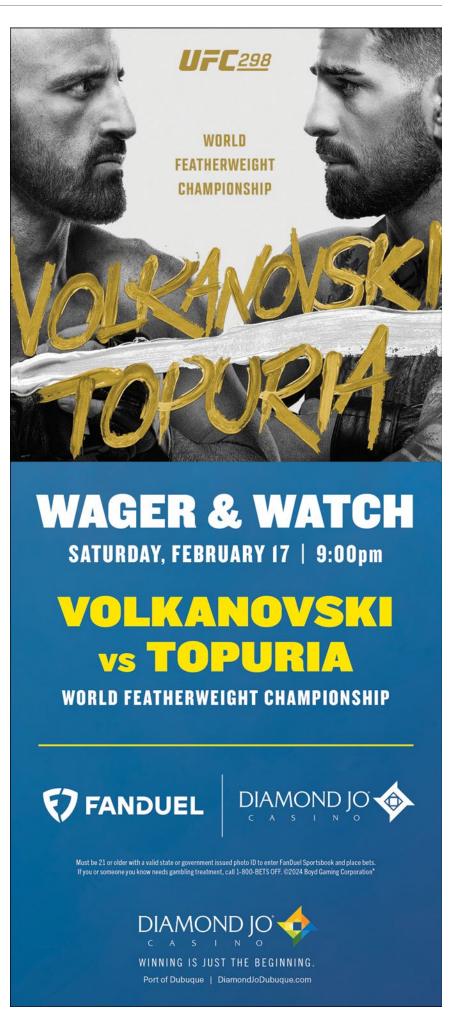
**CAPRICORN** (JAN 9-FEB 15) Burnout is definitely a threat in our current state of affairs. Especially with global warming, amirite?

**AQUARIUS** (FEB 16-MAR 11) If you're looking for antiques, try a flea market. If you're looking for a getaway driver, try a flee market.

**PISCES** (MAR 12-APR 18) Over the next few weeks, you'll be feeling more creative, playful, and happy. In other words, you'll be annoying the hell out of the rest of us, so knock it off.

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